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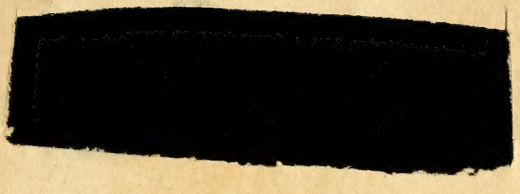

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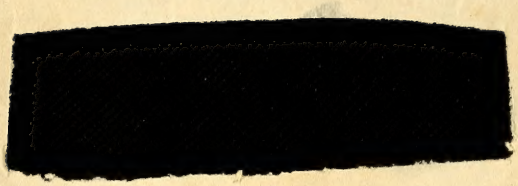

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Journal of the Proceedings

OF THE

SENATE

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

OF THE

State of Florida,

AT THE

TENTH SESSION,

BEGUN AND HELD AT THE CAPITOL, IN THE CITY OF TALLAHASSEE, ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, 1860.

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SENATE JOURNAL.

MONDAY, November 26th, 1860.

This being the day fixed by the Constitution for the General Assembly of this State to convene, the Senate was called to order at 12 o'clock, M., by F. L. Villepigue, Secretary of State.

The roll being called, the following Senators appeared and took their seats:

1*st District*—James Abercrombie;
2*nd* " John Chain;
4*th* " William B. Jones;
5*th* " T. J. Eppes;
6*th* " D. C. Dawkins;
7*th* " R. H. M. Davidson;
8*th* " P. B. Brokaw;
10*th* " Jno. Finlayson;
11*th* " J. W. McQueen;
13*th* " W. W. McCall;
14*th* " Tillman Ingram;
15*th* " Geo. W. Call;
16*th* " A. S. Baldwin;
17*th* " E. C. Simkins;
19*th* " J. D. Starke;
20*th* " James T. Magbee.

The Senators from 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 14th, 17th, 19th and 20th Districts were sworn in, in due form of law, by Hon. T. J. Eppes.

A quorum present.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 1 o'clock, P. M.

ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

On motion, Hon. J. T. Magbee took the chair.

On motion, the Senate went into nomination of President of the Senate.

Mr. McQueen nominated T. J. Eppes.

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Mr. McCall nominated J. T. Magbee.

Mr. Magbee withdrew his name.

The vote was:

For Eppes—Messrs. Abercrombie, Jones, Dawkins, Davidson, Brokaw, Finlayson, McQueen, Ingram, Call, Baldwin, Simkins, Starke and Magbee—13.

For Magbee—Mr. McCall—1.

Blank—Mr. Eppes—1.

The President elect was conducted to the Chair by Messrs. Abercrombie and Finlayson.

On taking the Chair the President addressed the Senate as follows:

ADDRESS:

Senators—I thank you for the honor of selecting me your presiding officer. I am not unconscious of its duties and great responsibilites; but I trust the kind partiality which has induced my election will not be withdrawn, and by your assistance every Rule will be observed, order maintained, and the interests of our people guarded and advanced.

We are in the midst of exciting times; times which make patriots tremble, lest their own zeal in view of our national wrongs, may either overpicture the gloom, or fail to act and depict aright its colors and its horrors. We should assemble as Brothers, and legislate as members of one great family. Events have, and are transpiring which admonish that we have met, not simply for the ordinary subjects of legislation, but the very destiny of our people, for weal or for woe, seems poised in the balance of our action. Let harmony therefore prevail; let us have no party contests here, no bickerings, no criminations or re-criminations. We are here as Senators, Floridians, Democrats, Whigs, in a word as Southerners. Let us show the world we are not divided! The sentiment of our people is united.

In our conduct here let us ever bear in mind we represent a people inferior to none upon earth. Remember that people! They are gallant, law-abiding, and invincible. They have rights! Defend them. They have honor! Guard it. They have dignity! Preserve it. They are free! Let them not by our conduct be made subservient.

Thus our State will be truthfully represented, her interests local and general guarded, and her independence maintained. The eye of your State is upon you! You have accepted the trust. Be true to its fulfillment.

With the earnest hope we may have a short and harmonious session, and that our labors will result in the permanent good of our beloved State, I again, Senators, return you my thanks for your distinguished consideration.

Mr. Call moved that the Senate go into election of officers of the Senate;

Which motion was agreed to.

Nominations being in order, Mr. McQueen nominated B. F. Parker, of Jackson county, for Secretary.

Mr. McCall nominated F. C. Barrett.

The vote was:

For PARKER—Messrs. Jones, Eppes, Dawkins, Brokaw, Finlayson, McQueen, Ingram, Call, Simpkins, Starke and Magbee—11.

For BARRETT—Messrs. Abercrombie, Davidson and McCall—3.

BLANK—Mr. Baldwin—1.

Mr. Call moved that the remaining officers to be elected shall be an Enrolling Clerk, Engrossing Clerk, Door-keeper, Sergeant-at-Arms and Messenger.

Mr. Davidson moved as an amendment to said motion, that they also elect an Assistant Secretary;

Which amendment was lost.

The motion being put to vote, was adopted.

On motion, the Senate went into the election of an Enrolling Clerk.

Mr. McQueen nominated Edward M. West.

Mr. McCall nominated F. C. Barrett.

The vote was:

For WEST—Messrs. Abercrombie, Jones, Eppes, Dawkins, Davidson, Brokaw, Finlayson, McQueen, Ingram, Call, Baldwin, Simkins, Starke and Magbee—14.

For BARRETT—W. W. McCall—1.

For Engrossing Clerk, Mr. McQueen nominated Luke Lott.

Mr. Davidson nominated Mr. H. M. Hosford.

The vote was:

For LOTT—Messrs. Jones, Eppes, Dawkins, Brokaw, Finlayson, McQueen, Ingram, Call, Baldwin, Simkins, Starke and Magbee—12.

For HOSFORD—Messrs. Abercrombie, Davidson and McCall—3.

For Door-keeper and Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. McQueen nominated John White.

The vote was:

For WHITE—Messrs. Abercrombie, Jones, Eppes, Dawkins, Davidson, Brokaw, Finlayson, McQueen, Ingram, Call, Baldwin, Simkins, Starke and Magbee—14.

BLANK—Mr. McCall—1.

For Messenger, Mr. McQueen nominated W. R. Coulter.

Mr. Davidson, nominated Edward Brown.

The vote was:

For COULTER—Messrs. Eppes, Dawkins, Brokaw, Finlayson, McQueen, Ingram, Call, Simkins, Starke and Magbee—10.

For Brown—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Jones, Davidson, McCall and Baldwin—6.

Messrs. Parker, White, West and Lott were then sworn into office.

Mr. Call moved that a committee of three be appointed to select a printer and agree upon terms, and in the meantime to have the printing of the Senate done, which motion was agreed to and Messrs. G. W. Call, W. W. McCall and James Abercrombie were appointed on said Committee.

Mr. Call gave notice that on to-morrow morning he would introduce

A bill to be entitled an act to call a Constitutional Convention for the State of Florida; also

Joint resolution in relation to the Convention; and

Joint resolution in relation to adjournment.

Mr. Dawkins moved that a Committee be appointed to inform the Governor and the House of Representatives that the Senate is organized and is ready for business.

Which motion was agreed to, and Messrs. Dawkins, Starke and Magbee appointed said Committee.

Mr. Call moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to procure the necessary Stationery for the use of the Senate;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chain moved that the rules of the last Senate be adopted to govern the present Senate until rules be reported by a Committee appointed for that purpose;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the Senate adjourned untill to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, November 27, 1860.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Senators from the 3d, 7th and 19th Districts, presented their credentials and were sworn in, by Hon. John Chain, Notary Public.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE.

On Judiciary:

Messrs. CALL,
DAVIDSON,
MAGBEE,
ROGERS,
CHAIN.

On Propositions and Grievances:

Messrs. WATLINGTON,
McCALL,
WALKER,
DAWKINS,
DAVIDSON.

On State of Commonwealth:

Messrs. BROKAW,
INGRAM,
WATLINGTON,
JONES,
ABERCROMBIE.

On Engrossed Bills:

Messrs. INGRAM,
MAGBEE,
McQUEEN,
CHAIN.
ABERCROMBIE.

On Federal Relations:

Messrs. CALL,
DAWKINS,
McQUEEN,
STARKE,
BOWERS.

On Executive Department:

Messrs. CHAIN,
WATLINGTON,
DUNCAN,
BOWERS,
ABERCROMBIE.

On Militia:

Messrs. McQUEEN,
SIMKINS,
FINLAYSON,
WALKER,
DUNCAN.

On Agriculture:

Messrs. WALKER,
FINLAYSON,
INGRAM,
SIMKINS,
DUNCAN.

On Elections:

Messrs. JONES,
BALDWIN,
DAVIDSON,
CHAIN,
MAGBEE.

On Claims and Accounts:

Messrs. BALDWIN,
McCALL,
ABERCROMBIE,
STARKE.
BROKAW.

On Corporations:

Messrs. MAGBEE,
ROGERS,
CHAIN,
FINLAYSON,
McCALL.

On Taxation and Revenue:

Messrs. FINLAYSON,
INGRAM,
JONES,
WATLINGTON.
BROKAW.

On Internal Improvements:

Messrs. DAWKINS,
CALL,
BROKAW,
WALKER,
ABERCROMBIE.

On Schools and Colleges:

Messrs. STARKE,
BALDWIN,
ROGERS,
CHAIN,
BROKAW.

On Enrolled Bills:

Messrs. SIMKINS,
INGRAM,
DAVIDSON,
DAWKINS,
DUNCAN,

On Revision of Constitution:

Messrs. ROGERS,
CALL,
FINLAYSON,
BOWERS,
MAGBEE.

On motion of Mr. Dawkins, the Senate went into an election for Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Davidson nominated B. G. Pringle.

Mr. Dawkins nominated J. D. Bassett.

Mr. Magbee nominated R. L. Bruce.

The vote wos:

For PRINGLE—Messrs. Bowers, Baldwin, Chain, Davidson and McCall—5.

For BASSETT—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Call, Dawkins, Ingram and Jones—6.

For BRUCE—Messrs. Brokaw, McQueen, Magbee, Simkins, Stark and Walker—6.

There not being a majority, the President declared there was no election.

On the second ballot, the vote was:

For PRINGLE—Messrs. Bowers, Baldwin, Chain, Davidson and McCall—5.

For BASSETT—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Call, Dawkins, Ingram and Jones—6.

For BRUCE—Messrs. Brokaw, McQueen, Magbee, Simkins, Stark and Walker—6.

There not being a majority for any candidate, the President declared there was no election, and another ballot was taken.

The vote was:

For PRINGLE—Messrs. Abercrombie, Bowers, Baldwin, Chain, Davidson, McCall and Jones—7.

For BRUCE—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, McQueen, Magbee, Simkins, Stark and Walker—8.

For BASSETT—Messrs. Dawkins and Ingram—2.

There not being a majority for any one candidate, there was no election.

Mr. Dawkins withdrew the name of Mr. Bassett.

Another ballot was taken, and the vote was:

For PRINGLE—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Davidson, Jones and McCall—6.

For BRUCE—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Ingram, McQueen, Magbee, Simkins, Stark and Walker—10.

Mr. Bruce was declared elected Assistant Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Abercrombie, the rules were waived, and he allowed to introduce without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the Planters' and Merchants' Bank of Pensacola.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act making certian appropriation for the support of the Government;

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company;

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate Criminal Proceedings;

A bill to be entitled an Act to stay Executions for a certain time;

A bill to be entitled an Act to require the different counties to pay the expenses of Jurors and State Witnesses in certain cases; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to define the mode of selecting Grand and Pettit Jurors in this State.

Mr. Baldwin gave notice, that he would at some future day, ask leave to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to suspend the action of sections 6th and 11th of the Act to authorize the business of Banking in this State, passed Dec. 1852;

A resolution for the relief of L. I. Fleming; also,

A bill to be entitled an Act to increase the compentation of the Solicitors of this State.

Mr. Brokaw gave notice that he would at some future day introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Leon Cavaliers.

Mr. Davidson gave notice that he would at some future day introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to secure certain rights to married women; also,

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow James R. Green, of Gadsden county, to contract and be contracted with.

Mr. Brokaw moved that a committee of three be appointed to select a Chaplain;

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Brokaw, Baldwin and Ingram was appointed said committee.

On motion of Mr. Ingram, 75 copies of the Standing Committees were ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Call pursuant to previous notice, introduced,

A bill to be entitled an Act to call a Constitutional Convention for the State of Florida; also,

Joint resolution in relation to the Convention; and,

Joint resolution in relation to adjournment.

Mr. Call moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft rules for the Senate and joint rules for the use of both Houses;

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Call, McQueen and Chain appointed said committee.

Mr. Baldwin read preamble and resolutions of a meeting of the citizens of Jacksonville;

Which upon motion, was laid upon the table.

The following message was received from the Governor:

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, November 26th, 1860.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

The crisis, long expected by men of observation and reflection, has at length come. A series of aggressions and insults, commencing forty years ago, by the Northern States against the Southern, and increasing in audacity as time rolled on and the South forbore, has been pushed to a point at which further forbearance of the South would justify the allegation that we "are afraid to resist."

The election of Lincoln and Hamlin to the two highest offices in the confederacy, viewed in connection with the circumstances that led to the result, and the determination of Northern fanatics to urge their mad schemes, regardless of the welfare and the security of the Southern people, ought to extinguish any desire of the latter to prolong their

connection with those who show such an utter disregard of covenanted rights and of plighted faith.

I will not insult your intelligence or trespass on your patience by recounting the aggressions already perpetrated, or by referring to those that must follow our submission. For myself, in full view of the responsibility of my position, I most decidedly declare that in my opinion the only hope the Southern States have for *domestic peace and safety*, or for future respectability and prosperity, is dependent on their action *now;* and that the proper action is—*Secession from our faithless, perjured* confederates.

But some Southern men, it is said, object to secession until some overt act of unconstitutional power shall have been committed by the *General Government;* that we ought not to secede until the President and Congress unite in passing an act unequivocally hostile to our institutions and fraught with immediate danger to our rights of property and to our domestic safety. My countrymen! if we wait for such an overt act, our fate will be that of the white inhabitants of St. Domingo.

But why wait for this overt act of the General Government? What is that Government? It is but the trustee, the common agent of all the States, appointed by them to manage their affairs according to a written constitution or power of attorney. Should the sovereign States, then—the principals and the partners in the association—for a moment tolerate the idea that their action must be graduated by the will of their agents? The idea is preposterous.

Let it be constantly had in mind, this essential difference between the relation in which the thirteen colonies stood to the British empire and its government and that relation which the States of this Union occupy towards the federal power and authority. The colonies were fractional parts of one consolidated State. They had no separate organization or powers, except such as they derived from the King and Parliament of Great Britain, consequently they stood in the

same relation to that government that the counties of Florida do to the State government. But how different is our condition! Our general government was created by separate, independent sovereign States. It was established for certain specified purposes, defined by a constitution, which constitution is a compact between the *sovereign States* who *created it* and all who have become parties to it. The colonists were *subjects* of the British crown. This they often acknowledged by petitioning that power for a removal of their grievances. When, therefore, they resisted the authority of their confessed sovereign, they placed themselves in a state of rebellion, the purpose of which was revolution. They knew this, yet did they falter even with the penalty of treason staring them in the face? No—they met in conventions—they declared "that governments derived their just powers from the consent of the governed—that they were instituted to protect the people in the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the *right* of the people to alter or *abolish* it." Had they failed to maintain their asserted rights by the sword, they would have been amenable to the penalties denounced against treason. But they succeeded in establishing their independence. After this consummation of their noble struggle, the people of the several colonies, then acknowledged to be *free and independent States*, formed a new Confederation by framing and adopting, *voluntarily*, and each one for itself, that Constitution which is so flagitiously violated by many of the parties to the compact of fraternity.

The preamble to this Constitution recites the purposes for which it was ordained, among which are these: "To establish justice, insure domestic tranquility," &c. Has it effected these objects? Let the question be answered by the forty years' war waged by the Northern States upon the just rights of the Southern—by the statute books of those States, disgraced with laws expressly designed to defraud us of our

property, and at the same time insulting us with threats of fine and imprisonment if we seek to reclaim our property even through the operation of that Constitution which they *were sworn to support.* Let it be answered by the machinations of fanatics, and of cold-blooded knaves, to destroy our "domestic tranquility," and this, not only by secret sedition and insurrection, but also by avowed efforts, now nearly consummated, to pervert all the powers of a common government to the perpetration of their fiendish crimes.

Such, fellow-citizens, is a meagre outline only of the pictures of wrong and outrage that we are expected to endure unresistingly. But shall we endure it? Heaven forbid! Forbid it the memory and the example of those noble patriots who pledged their "lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor" to maintain their liberty and their rights. Shall we, the descendants of such sires, relinquish the rich inheritance thus acquired? Must we jeopard our present security and our future existence as a free people, by stopping now to reargue the abstract question of the right of secession? I have already adverted to the important difference between the political responsibilities of the people of the thirteen old colonies and those which attach to the people of the United States. The former being *subjects*, could not withdraw from or forcibly oppose their government without an act of rebellion, for although they declared it their *right* to change their government, they were fully aware that the right depended upon their success in maintaining it. Not so with regard to the people of these States. *They* are not *subjects* but *citizens* —citizens, owing their *first and highest allegiance* to the respective sovereign States. While the States remain in the Union, the citizens may commit an act of rebellion against their particular States, or against the United States. But the moment that a State, in her sovereign capacity, declares a dissolution of the Federal ties, her citizens are absolved from all responsibility to the Federal Government, and the State released from all conventional obligations to her former

associates. And more than this—a palpable infraction by one or more of the other States of the covenanted rights of one or more of the others, releases the latter from their obligations to the compact. And of such infractions and "the mode and measure of redress," each State has the right to judge for itself. This is a right inherent in States and can only be alienated by their voluntary act. In the Constitution of the United States, there is no relinquishment of this right—no transfer of it to any other power, tribunal or Judge. The right consequently remains to the State, perfect and unimpaired, and it were puerile to dispute about the *name* of the *thing* when the time has come for proving its efficacy.

Entertaining these views, I most earnestly recommend a call of a Convention of the people of the State, at an early day, to take such action as in their judgment may be necessary to protect and preserve the rights, honor and safety of the people of Florida. I would further recommend a revision of the Militia laws, with a view to a more effective organization of the Military, and an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars as a military fund for the ensuing year, to be expended ar fast as the public necessities may require.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read, and upon motion, 1,000 copies were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Call the message was referred to the several committees to which it refers.

Upon motion of Mr. Magbee, the rules were waived and he was allowed to introduce the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, There being great excitement in the Southern States on account of the repeated aggressions of the North against our Southern institutions, and on account of the recent election of a sectional candidate to the Presidency, who stands pledged to a continuous war against Southern institutions; And whereas, The aggressive policy of the Northern States may change our Federal relations with the General Government; Therefore,

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the General Assembly of the State will not, for the present, go into an election of a Senator of the United States.

Mr. Rogers moved that the words "for the present" be stricken out, which was accepted by Mr. Magbee, mover of the resolution.

Mr. Baldwin moved that the words "for the present" be restored;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Call and Rogers, and were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Chain, Davidson, McCall and Jones—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—11.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call, of the special committee, made the following report:

The Committee appointed to select a Printer and agree upon terms,

REPORT:

That they have selected Messrs. Hart & Barefoot of the *Sentinel* office, and have agreed upon the same terms paid by the last General Assembly.

GEO. W. CALL, Ch'n.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the Planters' and Merchants' Bank of Pensacola.

The reading of the Bill was dispensed with, and read first time by its title, the rule waived, read a second time by its title, and 100 copies ordered to be printed, and referred to Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an Act to call a Constitutional Convention for the State of Florida, and Joint Resolutions in relation to Convention, and Joint Resolution in relation to adjournment—were read first time by their titles, the rule waived and read second time by their titles, and 100 copies of each ordered to be printed, and bill and resolutions referred to Committee on Federal Relations.

On motion, the rule was waived and the following motions were allowed to be introduced:

Mr. Call gave notice that he would at some future day introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act defining the condition of negroes and other persons of color in this State.

Mr. Call moved that the Committee on Federal Relations be au-

thorized to oct as a Joint Committee with the similar committee on the part of the House.

On motion the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senete resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The following communication was presented by Mr. Call, and read, and ordered to be spread upon the journal:

WASHINGTON CITY, Nov. 20, 1860.

To the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Florida:

Gentlemen:—Allow me, through you, to announce to the General Assembly, as the electing body under the Constitution of the United States for Senators in Congress, that upon learning at any time between this and the 4th day of March next, of the determination of Florida to dissolve her union with the Northern States, I shall promptly and joyously return home to support the banner of the State to which my allegiance is owing, and in which my family altar is established.

Respectfully, your serv.'t,
D. L. YULEE.

Mr. Call moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the House and lay said communication before that body;

Which was adopted and Messrs. Call, Ingram and Rogers were appointed as said committee.

Mr. Call asked leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State;

A bill to be entitled an Act req0iring the several counties in this State to defray the expenses of Jurors and State Witnesses;

A bill to be entitled an Act defining the conditions of negroes and other persons of color in this State;

Which were read first time by their title and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Call introduced the following bills, to-wit:

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate criminal proceeding;

Which was read a first time by its title and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

Also, a bill to be entitled an Act making appropriations for the support of Government;

Which was read a first time by its title, the rule waived and read a second time, and 80 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Dawkins, the Senate adjourned until 11 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, November 28, 1860.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The following amendment to yesterday's proceedings was offered and adopted:

"The committee appointed by the Senate to inform the House of Representatives of the organization of the Senate, and to act with a similar committee on the part of the House to inform His Excellency the Governor, that the General Assembly is organized and ready to receive communication, returned, and having discharged their duties, was discharged."

R. L. Bruce, Assittant Secretary, and W. R. Coulter, Messenger, were sworn into office by Hon. John Chain.

Mr. Chain gave notice that after to-day he would ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to protect occupants or settlers upon the public lands of the State of Florida, in their possession of and to their improvements thereon;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment;

A bill to be entitled an Act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer; and,

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the road laws of this State.

Mr. Call moved that the Door-keeper and Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to have such fastenings placed on the Senate door as will prevent it from being opened so readily.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McQueen moved that the Committee on Militia be authorized to act as a joint committee with a similar committee on the part of the House;

Which was adopted.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the House would be ready to canvass the votes for Governor at 12 o'clock.

The President appointed Messrs. Chain, Call and Brokaw a committee to inform the House that the Senate would be ready to repair to that body at 12 o'clock, and canvass the votes for Governor.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the Sergeant-at-arms be instructed to procure from the Secretary of State, for each member of the Senate, a copy of the Constitution of the State, Acts and Resolutions of the last General Assembly;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Call allowed to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act authorizing the Bank of Fernandina to suspend specie payments whenever the other Banks in this State are by law authorized to suspend, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Walker gave notice that he would on some future day introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal so much of the Act approved Feb. 7, 1859, as provides for consolidating the offices of Sheriff and Tax Collector in Wakulla county.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the pilot laws for the Port of Fernandina;

A bill to be entiled an Act concerning replevin;

A bill to be entitled an Act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to permit free persons of African descent to select their own masters and become slaves, approved Jan. 15, 1859; and

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of A. J. Peeler and others.

Mr. Duncan gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Josiah Price.

Mr. Bowers gave notice that he would on to-morrow, ask leave to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of costs in certain cases, in the Circuit Courts of the Western Circuit of this State, passed at the adjourned session of 1859.

Mr. Baldwin gave notice that he would at some future day, ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter a Railroad from Jacksonville via St. Augustine to Indian River; also,

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter a Railroad from the town of Baldwin to the Georgia State line.

Mr. Rogers gave notice that he would at some future day, ask leave to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the admission of Attorneys; also,

A bill to be entitled an Act requiring Justices of the Peace to give bond; also,

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for taking down of testimony in the Circuit Court, in cases going to the Supreme Court.

Mr. Baldwin, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to suspend the action of Sections 6th and 11th of the General Banking laws of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an Act to increase the compensation of Solicitors in this State;

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Also, resolution for the relief of L. I. Fleming.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Davidson introduced,

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow James R. Green, of Gadsden county, to contract and be contracted with;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Chain read petition of Josiah Q. Guild, and others;

Which was received and referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Chain introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be and they are hereby instructed to ascertain if there be any law of this State to enforce the lien of ship-chandlers, store-keepers, and all dealers, mechanics and workmen on ships, vessels, steamboats or other water-crafts, for all stores, provisions, rigging or other materials, or labor, or service of any kind whatever furnished, or rendered to, or for the use of any such ship or vessel, or steamboat, or other wrter-craft, and to report, by bill or otherwise;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 28, 1860.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House of Representatives has passed the following resolution, viz:

A Resolution to go into the election of Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General and Comptroller, on the 29th inst.

Very respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Representatives.

Which was received and read.

Mr. Call, from Committee on Rules, made the following report:

The Committee to draft Rules for the Government of the Senate beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have agreed upon the rules of the last Senate, with the following amendments, viz:

From the 19th Rule strike out the words, "Sixth, Messages from the House of Representatives";

Also, in the 27th Rule insert the word "or" between "nature" and "for";

Also, add the following, to be numbered—

Rule 44. To give effect to these rules, the President shall command the Sergeant-at-Arms to take into custody,—and if unable to do so, to summon a posse for that purpose—and confine until the Senate adjourns, any member for disorderly behavior, interruption of the proceedings of the Senate, after being called to order, or for persistent refusal to obey the chair in a legitimate order; but the member shall be entitled to an appeal to the Senate from the order

GEO. W. CALL, Chairman.

Which report was received and 100 copies of the Rules ordered to be printed.

STANDING RULES OF THE SENATE.

Rule 1. The President shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the Senate shall have adjourned; shall immediately call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the Journal of the preceding day to be read, unless the reading thereof, shall by unanimous consent be dispensed with.

Rule 2. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order, in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Senate by any two members; on which appeal, no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the Senate.

Rule 3. He shall rise to put the question, but may state it sitting.

Rule 4. No member shall speak to another, or otherwise interrupt the business of the Senate, while the Journals or public papers are being read, or passing between the President and any other member who is addressing the Senate.

Rule 5. Every member, when he speaks, shall address the Chair, standing in his place; and when he has finished, shall sit down.

Rule 6. No member shall speak more than twice in any one debate on the same subject, without leave of the Senate.

Rule 7. When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the President shall name the person entitled to proceed.

Rule 8. When a member shall be called to order, he shall sit down until the President shall determine whether he is in order or not; and every question of order shall be decided by the President without debate, but subject to an appeal to the Senate.

Rule 9. If any member shall be called to order for words spoken, the exceptionable words shall be immediately taken down in writing, that the President may be better enabled to judge of the matter.

Rule 10. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Senate, without leave of the Senate; and in case a less number than a quorum shall convene, they are hereby authorized to send the Sergeant-at arms, or any other person or persons by them authorized, for any or all absent members, as the majority of such members shall agree, at the expense of such absent members respectively, unless such excuse for non-attendance shall be made as the Senate, when a quorum is convened, shall judge sufficient.

Rule 11. No motion shall be debated until it be seconded.

Rule 12. When a motion shall be made and seconded, it shall be reduced to writing, if desired by the President, or any member, delivered in at the table and read, before the same shall be debated.

Rule 13. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or to amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged; and the motion to adjourn shall always be in order, unless when a member shall be engaged in addressing the Senate, or when the Senate shall be engaged in taking a vote; and the motions to adjourn and to lie on the table shall be decided without debate.

Rule 14. If the question in debate shall contain several points, any member may have the same divided.

Rule 15. In filling up blanks, the largest sum and the longest time shall be first put.

Rule 16. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by vote of the Senate without debate.

Rule 17. When the yeas and nays shall be called for by two of the members present, every member within the bar of the Senate, at

the time the question was put by the President, shall, (unless, for special reasons, he be excused by the Senate) declare openly and without debate his assent or dissent to the question. In taking the yeas and nays upon the call of the Senate, the names of the members shall be taken alphabetically.

Rule 18. On a motion made and seconded to shut the doors of the Senate, in the discussion of any business which may, in the opinion of any member, require secrecy, the President shall direct the gallery to be cleared; and during the discussion of such motion, the door shall remain shut; and no motion shall be deemed in order to admit any person or persons whatever.

Rule 19. The following order shall be observed in taking up the business of the Senate, to-wit:—First, Motions; Second, Petitions, Memorials and other papers, addressed either to the Senate, or to the President thereof; Third, Resolutions; Fourth, Reports of Standing Committees; Fifth, Reports of Select Committees; and, Lastly, Orders of the Day.

Rule 20. When a question has been once made and decided, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move the reconsideration thereof; but no motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be in order after a bill, resolution, message, report or amendment, upon which the vote was taken, shall have gone out of the possession of the Senate, announcing its decision; nor shall any motion for reconsideration be in order, unless the same shall be made within the next two days of actual session thereafter.

Rule 21. The President shall have the right to name a member of the Senate to perform the duties of the Chair; but such substitute shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

Rule 22. Before any petition, or memorial, addressed to the Senate, shall be received and read, whether the same be introduced by the President or a member, a brief statement of the contents of the petition or memorial shall verbally be made by the introducer; after which, it may be referred to a Committee.

Rule 23. One day's notice at least shall be given of an intended motion for leave to bring in a bill.

Rule 24. Every bill, resolution of a public nature, or resolution for the appropriation of the public money, shall receive three readings previously to its being passed; and the President shall give notice at each, whether it be the first, second or third, which readings shall be on three different days, unless in cases of emergency, four-fifths of the Senate may deem it expedient to dispense with the rules.

Rule 25. The first reading of a bill or resolution of a public nature, or for the appropriation of the public money, shall be for the information of the Senate, at which reading the introducer shall have the right to state the general principles of the bill or resolution,

as the case may be, and the causes for introducing it; and if opposition be made to it, the question shall be, "shall the bill or resolution be rejected?" upon which question there shall be no debate. If no opposition be made, or if the question to reject be negatived, the bill or resolution shall go to a second reading without a question.

Rule 26. No bill or resolution of a public nature, requiring the appropriation of public money, shall be committed or amended until it shall have been twice read, after which it may be committed or amended.

Rule 27. When a bill or resolution of a public nature, or for the appropriation of public money, shall have been read the second time, and before both sides of the question shall have been put to the Senate upon its passage, it shall be in order for any member to move its commitment to a Committee of the whole house—that it lie on the table for its indefinite postponement—for its postponement to a day certain—for its commitment to a Standing Committee—to a Select Committee—or to amend; which motions shall have precedence in the order above stated. After a bill or resolution shall have been amended, it shall again be read as amended for the information of the Senate, before the question shall be put upon its passage.

Rule 28. The final question upon the second reading of every bill or resolution, requiring three readings previously to being passed, shall be, "whether it shall be engrossed and read a third time."

Rule 29. Before a bill or resolution requiring three readings shall be read the third time in the Senate, it shall be carefully engrossed, (without interlineation or erasure,) under the direction of the Secretary of the Senate, and upon this reading of the bill or resolution it shall not be committed or amended without the consent of three-fourths of the Senate.

Rule 30. It shall not be in order to amend the title of a bill or resolution until it shall have passed its second reading.

Rule 31. The title of bills, and such parts thereof only as shall be affected by proposed amendments, shall be inserted in the Journals.

Rule 32. The President of the Senate shall appoint the following Standing Committees, which shall thus be denominated:

1. Committee on the Judiciary.
2. Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.
3. Committee on Corporations.
4. Committee on Schools and Colleges.
5. Committee on Propositions and Greivances.
6. Committee on Internal Improvements.
7. Committee on Elections.
8. Committee on Claims and Accounts.
9. Committee on Engrossed Bills.

10. Committee on Enrolled Bills.
11. Committee on Amendments and revision of the Constitution.
12. Committee on the Executive Department.
13. Committee on the Militia.
14. Committee on Taxation and Revenue.
15. Committee on Federal Relations.
16. Committee on Agriculture.

Rule 33. All confidential communications made by the Governor to the Senate, shall be, by members thereof, kept secret, until the Senate, by their resolution, take off the injunction of secrecy.

Rule 34. All information or remarks touching or concerning the character or qualifications of any person nominated by the Governor to office, shall be kept secret.

Rule 35. When acting on confidential Executive business, the Senate shall be cleared of all persons, except the Secretary, Sergeant-at-Arms, Messenger and Door-Keeper.

Rule 36. The proceedings of the Senate, when not acting in Committee of the Whole, shall be entered on the Journals as concisely as possible, care being taken to detail an accurate and true account of the proceedings.

Rule 37. Messages shall be transmitted to the House of Representatives by the Secretary; upon each of which shall previously be endorsed by the Secretary, the final determination of the Senate thereon.

Rule 38. Messengers may be introduced in any stage of the business, except while a question is being put, or while the yeas and nays are being called.

Rule 39. The Governor of the State, former Governors of the State and Territory, Senators and Representatives from this State in the Congress of the United States, State House officers, members of the Representative branch of the General Assembly, and Judges of the Chancery and Circuit Courts of this State, shall be admitted to a seat within the bar of the Senate Chamber and any other person upon the invitation of a member of the Senate.

Rule 40. The Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant-at-Arms, Messenger and Door-keper, shall be severally sworn by the President, well and faithfully to discharge their respective duties, and to keep secret the proceedings of the Senate, when sitting with closed doors.

Rule 41. No member who was without the bar of the Senate when the question was put by the Chair, shall be permitted to vote on the question then before the Senate, without the unanimous consent of the Senate.

Rule 42. No Rule herein adopted for the Government of the Senate, shall be amended or suspended, without the consent of four-fifths of the Senate, except Rule No. 1, which shall only be suspended by the unanimous consent of the Senate.

Rule 43. That upon the adjournment of the General Assembly, the Secretary of the Senate shall be required to file in the office of the Secretary of State, all papers on file with him relating to unfinished business, all original papers and Journal of the Senate, and that he be required to obtain a certificate from the Secretary of State that such has been done, and file the same with the Treasurer before receiving his compensation.

Rule 44. To give effect to these rules, the President shall command the Sergeant-at-Arms to take into custody—and if unable to do so, to summon a posse for that purpose—and confine until the Senate adjourns, any member for disorderly behavior, interruption of the proceedings of the Senate, after being called to order, or for persistent refusal to obey the Chair in a legitimate order; but the member shall be entitled to an appeal to the Senate from the order of the Chair.

Mr. Call from the Joint Committee on Federal Relations, made the following report:

The Joint Committee on the subject of Federal Relations, to whom was referred so much of the Message of the Governor as relates to Federal affairs, and to whom was also referred the Senate and House bills to provide for the calling of a Convention of the People of the State of Florida, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they cordially endorse and approve of the views and recommendations of his Excellency, incorporated in his Message. Your Committee, therefore, present the annexed bill, to be entitled an Act to provide for calling a Convention of the people of the State of Florida, as to the result of their joint action, with the recommendation that the same do pass.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman of Senate Committee.
D. P. HOLLAND,
Chairman of House Committee.

The Committee appointed to select a Chaplain for the Senate beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have selected the Rev. Dr. DuBose; and the committee respectfully ask to be discharged.

P. B. BROKAW, Chairman.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, November 27, 1860.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I submit herewith the reports of the Treasurer and Comptroller, exhibiting the financial condition of the State, together with the reports of the Attorney General, Register and Salesman, and the Treasurer of the Internal Improvement Fund, to which your attention is respectfully invited.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which communication, together with reports, were received, and 1,000 copies ordered to be printed.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for calling a Convention of the People of the State of Florida;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Baldwin moved that the bill be laid on the table;

Which was lost.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until two minutes before 12 o'clock, M.

TWO MINUTES BEFORE TWELVE O'CLOCK, M.

Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

A committee from the House informed the Senate, that the House was now ready to canvass the vote for Governor.

On motion, the Senate adjourned to the Representative Hall, and after some time spent in canvassing the votes, the Senate returned to their Chamber.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

Upon motion, the rule was waived and Mr. McCall allowed without previous notice, to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county;

Which upon motion, was read a first time, the rule waived and read a second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for calling a Convention of the people of the State of Florida;

Was read a second time, and upon motion the Senate went into a Committee of the Whole on the state thereof—Mr. Chain in the Chair, and after some time spent therein, the committee arose, and through their Chairman reported the bill back to the Senate without amendment and recommended its passage.

Mr. Davidson moved that the words "3rd day of January" be stricken out, and the words "17th day of January" be inserted instead thereof;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Call:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Davidson and McCall—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—12.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abererombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—19.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Upon motion, Messrs. Call, Brokaw and Bowers were appointed a special committee to convey said bill to the House.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, November 29, 1860.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings were read, amended and confirmed.

The following bill having passed the Senate, was handed to the select committee to convey to the House:

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for calling a Convention of the people of the State of Florida;

Which committee returned and reported that they had discharged that duty, and were discharged.

Mr. Magbee gave notice that he would at some future day ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Peas Creek Navigation Company; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Withlacoochee River Navigation Company.

Mr. Dawkins gave notice that he would on some future day, ask leave to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act declaratory of the sense of the General Assembly as to the grant of lands to aid in the construction of the different Railroads in this State.

Mr. Chain gave notice that he would after to-day, ask leave to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend in part the existing Militia laws;

A bill to be entitled an Act providing for a State uniform and flag;

A bill to be entitled an Act organizing the Volunteer corps of this State; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina.

Pursuant to previous notice the following bills were introduced, viz:

By Mr. Call:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the pilot laws for the Port of Fernandina;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to permit free persons of African descent to select their own masters and become slaves, approved Jan. 15, 1859;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of A. J. Peeler and others;

A bill to be entitled an Act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund; and

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning Replevin.

By Mr. Walker:

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal so much of the Act approved January 7th, 1859, as consolidates the offices of Tax-Assessor and Collector and Sheriff of Wakulla County.

By Mr Chain:

A bill to be entitled an Act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown a free Dealer; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to protect occupants or settlers upon the public lands of the State of Florida, in their possession of, and to their improvements thereon.

By Mr. Bowers:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act, to provide for the payment of costs by Plaintiffs in certain cases, in the Western Judicial Circuit.

By Mr. Baldwin:

A bill to be entitled an Act to encorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad bill.

On motion of Mr. Chain, the petition of Josiah J. Guild, and twenty-six others, citizens of Santa Rosa County, which was on yesterday presented and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances was withdrawn and referred to a Special Committee of three.

Mr. Simkins moved that Mr. Rogers, Senator from the 18th District be added to the Committee on Militia;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers gave notice that he would at some future day introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for Recording Administrators' Bonds.

Mr Abercrombie gave notice that he would on some future day introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Escambia County to borrow money to build a Court House and Jail;

A bill to amend an Act regulating Pilots and Pilotage of the Bay of Pensacola;

A bill declaring who shall be held and considered as orphans;

A bill to establish Notaries' fees;

A bill to change the time of holding the Courts of the Western Circuit; and,

A bill to authorize the building of a Bridge over Bayou Texas.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act providing a mode and manner for enforcing claims against the several counties in this State.

On motion of Mr. Chain, the House resolution in regard to the election of State officers, was placed first among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act to establish the Planters' and Merchants' Bank of Pensacola," have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me, their Chairman, to make the following

REPORT:

That it has been made to the satisfaction of the Committee that the notice required by the Constitution has been given in the Pensacola Observer, a newspaper published in this State, that a Charter for a Bank at Pensacola, would be applied for at the present session of the General Assembly, and it also appearing that the rapid growth, increase of commerce and agricultural demand of the Western part of the State require Banking facilities, and that there is at present no Bank established in that section of the State; it is therefore recommended by the Committee that said bill do pass, with the following amendments, to-wit: In the 6th line of the first section, after the word "dollars," insert the words, "nor less than one hundred thousand dollars;" and in the 8th line of the same section, after the word "each," insert, "and that there shall be not less than twenty stockholders, a majority of whom, at least, shall be residents of the State of Florida;" and in the 21st line same section, insert the letter "E," between the words "Ezekiel" and "Simpson;" and in the 22d line, insert the letter "J," between the words "William" and "Keyser." And in the 9th line of the 2d section, after the word "business," insert "the said bank shall not go into operation until one hundred thousand dollars in specie shall have been actually paid in." And in the 4th line of the 3d section, between the word "Commissioners" and the word "the" insert the words "in specie;" and in the 5th section, line the 3d, between the words "been" and "paid," insert the word "actually;" and in the same line and section, between the word "in" and the word "and," insert the words "in specie." In the 78th line of the 6th section, after the word "security," strike out all up to the word "neither," in the 104th line, and insert the following: "That the said Bank shall be restricted to the business of exchange, discount and deposit, and shall not speculate or deal in real estate or stock of other corporations or associations, or in merchandize, or chattels, or be concerned in insurance, manufacturing, exportation or importation, except of bullion or specie; shall not act as Trustee in anywise, nor shall the Bank own real estate or chattels except such as shall be necessary for its actual use in the transaction of business or which may be pledged as further security, or received towards or in satisfaction of previously contracted debts, or purchased at legal sales to

satisfy such debts,—of which it shall be required to make sale within two years after the acquisition thereof."

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the Orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House resolution in regard to going into election of State officers on the 29th inst.;

Came up on its first reading; and

On motion, the rule waived, and resolution read second and third times and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Duncan, Ingram, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—15.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Davidson and Jones—4.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Bowers and Starke to wait upon the House and inform that body of the passage of said resolution.

The committee after a short absence returned, and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

Resolution in regard to Convention, was on motion, postponed.

A bill to be entitled an Act making appropriation for the support of Government;

Was read the second time, rules waived, read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—17.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be tertified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Baldwin from the committee on Claims and Accounts allowed to make the following report, to-wit:

The committee to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county,

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration and authorize me to recommend its passage.

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chm'n Com. on Claims and Accounts.

Which report was read and bill placed among the orders of the day, rule waived and read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—20.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act defining the condition of negroes and other persons of color in this State;

Was read the second time, and upon motion referred to the committee on Judiciary, and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act requiring the several counties in this State to defray the expenses of Juror and State Witnesses;

Was read a second time, and upon motion was seferred to the committee on Judiciary, and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate criminal proceedings;

Was read a second time, and upon motion was referred to the committee on Judiciary, and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Call allowed to make the following motion:

Mr. Call moved that the Comptroller and Treasurer be requested to furnish to the Senate a tabular statement showing the amount of taxes paid by each county, the expenses of Jurors, State Witnesses and criminal prosecutions, and also the amounts of fines received from such prosecutions in each county during the fiscal year last ended;

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Pettit Jurors in this State;

Was read the second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judidiary, and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act authorizing the bank of Fernandina to suspend specie payment, whenever the other banks in this State are by law authorized to suspend;

Was read the first time and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company;

Was read the first time, rule waived and read a second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow James R. Green, of Gadsden County, to contract and be contracted with;

Was read a first time. and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Resolution for the relief of L. I. Fleming;

Was read a first time, rule waived and read a second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

Resolved, That the Judiciary Committee be and they are hereby instructed to assertain if there be any law of this State, to inforce the lien of Ship-Chandlers, Store Keepers and all dealers, Mechanics and workmen on Ships, Vessels, Steamboats or other water crafts, for all Stores, provisions, rigging or other materials, or labor or service of any kind whatever furnished, or rendered to or for the use of any such Ship or Vessel, or Steamboat, or other Water Craft, and to report by Bill or otherwise;

Was read a second time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to increase the compensation of the Solicitors of this State;

Was read a first time and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to susnend the action of Sections six and seven of the general Banking Law of the State of Florida;

Was read a first time and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Pilot Laws for the port of Fernandina;

Was read a first time and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to permit free persons of African descent to select their own masters and become Slaves, approved January 15th, 1859;

Was read a first time, rule waived and read a second time by its title and referred to committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 29, 1860.

HON. T. J. EPPSE,
President of the Senate :

Sir : The House has passed the following resolution, viz :
Resolution relative to the sale of the Stocks of other States held by the Comptroller for the payment of the debts of the State and for the purchase of arms, &c.

Very Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which Resolution was received and placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of A. J. Peeler and others;

Was read a first time and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Call, Davidson and Abercrombie, to wait upon the House and inform that body that the Senate had adopted the joint rules of both Houses in relation to the election of State officers.

The Committee appointed to wait upon the House to inform that body of the action of the Senate, in regard to joint rules in relation to the election of State officers, informed the Senate that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 3 minutes before 12 o'clock.

THREE MINUTES BEFORE 12 O'CLOCK, M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The Resolution in regard to the election of a United States Senator,

Was read a third time, and, upon motion, was referred back to a second reading, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

Was read a first time and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning replevin;

Was read a first time and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal so much of the Act approved January 7th, 1859, as consolidates the offices of Tax Assessor & Collector and Sheriff, of Wakulla county;

Was read a first time and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer;

Was read a first time and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to protect occupants or settlers upon the puplic lands of the State of Florida, in their possession of, and to their improvement thereon;

Was read a first time and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases in the Western Judicial Circuit;

Was read a first time and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the Planters' and Merchants' Bank of Pensacola;

Was read a second time and amendments, as reported by Committee on Corporations adopted, and ordered to be engrossed, as amended, for a third reading on to-morrow.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the House was now ready to go into the election of State officers.

On motion, the Senate repaired to the Representative Hall.

On motion of the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate took the Chair.

The President having stated the object of the joint meeting;

The election of Secretary of State being first in order, the name of F. L. Villepigue was put in nomination;

The vote was:

For Villepigue—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—20; House—46;—Total—66.

The President declared F. L. Villepigue duly elected Secretary of State.

The President announced that the election of Treasurer was next in order;

The name of Charles H. Austin was put in nomination;

The vote was:

For Austin—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bow-

ers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Duncan, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—20;—House—46;—Total—66.

The President declared Charles H. Austin duly elected State Treasurer.

The President announced that the election of Attorney General was next in order.

The names of Thos. T. Long and John B. Galbraith were put in nomination;

The vote was:

For Galbraith—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee and Walker—10; —House—21;—Total—31.

For Long—Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Simkins—9;—House—21;—Total—30.

Blank—Mr. Davidson—1;—House—1;—Total—2.

There not being a majority for any one candidate, the President declared there was no election.

The joint Assembly then proceeded to another ballot;

The vote was:

For Galbraith—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee and Walker—9;—House—22;—Total—31.

For Long—Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Simkins—9;—House—22;—Total—31.

Blank—Messrs. Davidson and Chain—2; —House 3;—Total—5.

There not being a majority for any one candidate the President declared that there was no election.

On motion, the joint Aassembly proceeded to ballot for Comptroller;

The President declared nominations in order.

The names of Robt. Williams, L. G. Pyles and John Beard were put in nomination.

The vote was:

For Williams—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Starke and Walker—9;—House—22;—Total—31.

For Pyles—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—9;—House—18;—Total—27.

For Beard—Mr. Chain—1;—House—6;—Total—7.

Blank—Mr. Davidson—1;—House—1;—Total—2.

There not being a majority for any one candidate, the President declared there was no election.

The joint Assembly then proceeded to another ballot.

The vote was:

For Williams—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Starke and Walker—10;—House 22;—Total, 32.

For Pyles—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8;—House, 20;—Total, 28.

Blank—Mr. Davidson—1.

For Beard—House, 6;—Total, 6.

There not being a majority the President declared there was no election.

On motion of Mr. Call the joint meeting then adjourned, and the Senators returned to the Senate chamber.

On motion the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, p. m.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

House Resolution relative to the sale of stocks of other States held by the Comptroller for the payment of the debts of the State and for the purchase of arms, &c.;

Was read a first time, rule waived, and read a second time, and referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Baldwin, Rogers and McQueen.

The following resolution was received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives,
November 29, 1860.

Hon. T. J. Eppes,

President of the Senate:

Sir: The House of Representatives has passed the following Senate bill, viz.:

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the calling of a Convention of the people of Florida.

Very respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Davidson was allowed to introduce the following resolution:

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Repretentatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That we earnestly recommend to the State Convention which is to meet on the 3d

day of January, A. D., 1861, in accordance with an Act passed by the present General Assembly, that the action of said Conentiaon be submitted to the people of said State for their ratification;

Which was read and placed among the orders of the day.

On motion the rule was waived and Mr. Call was allowed to present the following additional rule of the Senate to be numbered—

Rule 45. No motion necessary to go on the Journal shall be entertained by the President until the same is reduced to writing, except motions to adjourn, which shall be at the discretion of the President, and motions of course, such as to read a paper, to place among the orders of the day, to read a second time, or to engross for a third reading on the morrow. And the introducer of every bill or resolution shall furnish a written statement containing the name of the Senator and the fact that pursuant to previous notice he introduces said bills, naming them by their titles;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the rules be waived and he permitted to introduce a bill without previous notice;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dawkins then introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others;

The rules, on motion, were then waived and said bill was read a first and second time by its title and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A Committee of the House appeared at the bar of the Senate and informed the Senate that the House had instructed its Judiciary Committee to act as a Joint Committee with the Judiciary committee of the Senate to consider a House bill entitled an Act to authorize the suspension of specie payments by the Banks of this State, and the agencies of Banks that are engaged in the banking business in this State, and an Act to stay Judicial Sales in this State.

On motion the Rule was waived, and Mr. Ingram from the committee on engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report the following resolution as correctly engrossed:

Resolution in relation to electing a United States Senator.

TILLMAN INGRAM Ch'm.

Which report was received, and resolution ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Call moved that the vote postponing until to-morrow the consideration of the resolution in relation to adjournment, and the resolution in relation to the Convention, be reconsidered;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Baldwin moved to fill the first blank with the words "7th day of December 1860;"

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to fill the blank with the words "5th of December;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Baldwin;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Rogers and Starke—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Walker—13.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Baldwin moved that the blank be filled with the words "11th December;"

Which the Chair decided to be out of order, a motion for a later date having been lost;

From which decision an appeal was taken;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Walker;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers and McCall—3.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Mr. Call moved to fill the blank by inserting "the 4th day of December;"

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to fill the blank by inserting the words "3d day of December;"

Which motion was lost.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESETATIVES,
November 29th, 1860.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House has this day passed the following Resolution, viz:

Resolution relative to the price of public lands in this State.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk of the House of Rep.

Which was received, and the resolution placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 29th, 1860.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House has passed the following bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to quiet titles and to prevent unjust and vexatious litagation in the County of Escambia.

Respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives,

Which was received, and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Magbee moved that all after the words "General Assembly" be stricken out and the words "will remain in session until all the business thereof shall have been disposed of" be substituted;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Ingram and Walker;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, and Magbee—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke Simkins and Walker—16.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Dawkins moved to fill the first blank with the words "1st day of December, 1860;"

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Chain moved that the second blank of the resolution be filled by inserting the words "17th day of January, 1861;"

Mr. Dawkins offered the following substitute:

Insert the words "3d Monday in January," in lieu of the words "17th day of January;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. McQueen moved to reconsider the adoption of the amendment;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Rogers;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—11.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Chain, Dawkins, Starke and Walker—7.

So the adoption of said amendment was reconsidered.

The question then recurred, shall the amendment offered by Mr. Chain be adopted;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Walker;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Dawkins and Starke—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—13.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Abercrombie moved to fill the blank with the words, "Fifteenth day of January, 1861;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Rogers and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Chain, Dawkins and Walker—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Simkins—11.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to fill the blank with the words "7th day of January, 1861;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Rogers and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Simkins—14.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Bowers, McCall and Walker—4.

So said amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the word "oaths" be stricken out and insert in lieu thereof the word "certificates;"

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Baldwin moved to reconsider the vote last taken on the resolution for adjournment;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Baldwin then moved to strike out the words "a sum sufficient to answer actual expenses" and insert "5 cents per mile;"

Which motion was lost.

The resolution was then ordered as before amended, to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Upon motion the rules were waived, and Mr. Brokaw was allowed to introduce the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That we go into the election of Comptroller and Attorney General, on to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, 30th November.

A Resolution in relation to the Convention;

Was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

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FRIDAY, November 30, 1860.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday were amended, the reading dispensed with, and confirmed.

In pursuance to previous notice Mr. Call introduced the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend in part the existing Militia laws;

A bill to be entitled an Act to organize the Volunteer forces of this State;

A bill to be entitled an Act providing for a State Uniform and Flag; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina.

Mr. Brokaw moved that the rules be waived for the purpose of introducing a bill;

Which was adopted.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Abercrombie introduced the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Escambia county to borrow money to build a Court House and Jail;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act regulating Pilots and Pilotage of the Bay of Pensacola;

A bill declaring who shall be held and considered as orphans;

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish Notaries' fees;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the time of holding the Courts of the Western Circuit; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the building of a Bridge over Bayou Texar.

On motion of Mr. Chain, the petition of Josiah Q. Guild and 26

others of Santa Rosa county, which was referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances, be withdrawn and referred to a special committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Chain, Jones and Dawkins.

Mr. Brokaw moved that the resolution to go into the election of State officers be taken up and placed first among the orders for to-day.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would, on some future day, introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter the Fernandina Wharf Company;

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter the Fernandina Steam Packet Company;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau county in certain cases.

Mr. Brokaw moved that the petition of Randolph & Wells, in regard to swamp and overflowed lands be referred to a Select committee of five to be appointed by the Chair;

Which was adopted.

Messrs. Brokaw, Abercrombie, McQueen, Dawkins and Duncan were appointed said Committee.

Mr. Magbee presented the petition of sundry citizens of Hillsboro' county, &c.;

Which was read, petition received, and on motion was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following Bill as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for calling a Convention of the People of the State of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

The Committee on Claims and Accounts made the following report:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred the resolution for the relief of L. I. Fleming

REPORT:

That they have examined the subject and find that the claim of the said Fleming is just and correct, and recommend that the Resolution do pass.

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman Com. on Claims and Accounts.

Mr. Baldwin, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred the House Resolution relative to the sale of the stocks of other States held by the Comptroller, for the payment of the debts of the State, and the purchase of arms and munitions

REPORT:

That there seems to be some supplementary legislation necessary to fully secure the interest of the several Funds proposed to be divested by the Resolution to the immediate use of the State, but the Committee can see no necessity of immediate action on the subject; which should, however, be arranged at the adjourned session of the General Assembly; therefore, we recommend that the resolution, in its present shape, do pass.

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman of the Select Committee.

Which report was recived and read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House Resolution in regard to the election of State Officers;

Was read a first time rule waived and read a second and third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and Duncan;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw and Walker—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Watlington—13.

A bill to be entitled an Act authorizing the Bank of Fernandina to suspend specie payment whenever the other Banks in this State are, by law, authorized to suspend;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow James R. Green, of Gadsden county, to contract and be contracted with;

Was read a second time, rule waived and read a third time, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Davidson, Duncan, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, and Simkins—13.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Magbee and Walker,—3.

A bill to be entitled an Act to increase the compensation of the Solicitors of this State;

Was read a second time, amended and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.
Tallahassee, November 30, 1860.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

Sir: I respectfully recommend the following nomination for the advice and consent of the General Assembly:

Nassau County:

Auctioneer—E. J. Acosta.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which communication was received and the appointment concurred in.

A bill to be entitled an Act to suspend the action of sections 6th and 7th of the General Banking Law of the State of Florida;

Mr. Baldwin moved that the rules be waived, and that the bill be read a third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Davidson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Bowers, Chain, Davidson and Magbee—5.

Mr. McCall moved that the rules be waived and the bill be read a third time;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Baldwin;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—14.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Bowers, Chain, Davidson and Simkins—5.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the bill was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Pilot laws of Fernandina;

Mr. Call moved that the rule be waived and allow the bill to be read a third time;

Which motion the Chair decided was lost, four-fifths of the Senate not voting in the affirmative.

Mr. Call appealed from the decision of the Chair;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Davidson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McCall and Walker—7.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Watlington—12.

So the decision of the Chair was not sustained.

The bill was then read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—18.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw and Chain—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representaivtes.

On motion the rule was waived, and the committee on Engrossed bills made the following report:

The committe on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following Resolution as correctly engrossed:

Joint Resolution in relation to adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chairman Committee on Engrossed Bills.

So said report was received, and on motion the Resolution placed first among the orders of the day.

Engrossed Joint Resolution, in relation to adjournment;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercombrie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Watlington—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bowers and Magbee—2.

So said Resolution passed—title as stated.

And a committee, consisting of Messrs. Chain, Brokaw and Rogers, were appointed to convey said resolution to the House;

And after a short absence, returned and reported they had performed that duty and were discharged.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Magbee was allowed to introduce,

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning Pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The rules being waived, Mr. Dawkins moved that the Senator from Columbia be excused from further attendance on the General Assembly after 3 o'clock this evening;

Which was adopted.

The committee on Engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bill and resolution as correctly Engrossed:

Joint resolution in relation to the Convention; and

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chm'n Com. on Engrossed bills.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Gen. Wm. E. Anderson and others;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—18.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. McCall, Dawkins and McQueen were appointed to convey said bill to the House of Representatives.

The committee after a short absence returned, and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

Engrossed joint resolution in relation to the convention;

Was read the third time.

On motion the rule was waived, and the resolution put back upon its second reading.

Mr. Call moved that the words "Supreme Court Room" be stricken out and "a room" inserted in lieu thereof;

Which was adopted.

The rule was then waived, and the resolution read a third time and put upon its passage as amended;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—16.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitlnd an Act for the relief of A. J. Peeler and others;

Was read the second time, and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an Act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

Was read the second time, and on motion referred to the committee on Internal Improvements, and 80 copies of same ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning Replevin;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entiled an Act to repeal so much of the Act approved January 7, 1859, as consolidates the offices of Tax Assessor and Collector and Sheriff of Wakulla county;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to protect occupants or settlers upon the public lands of the State of Florida, in their possession of, and to their improvements thereon;

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Call, referred to the committee on Internal Imorovements.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases in the Western Judicial Circuit;

Was read the second time, and on motion referred to a select Committee consisting of Messrs Dawkins, Bowers and Duncan.

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Call presented the resolutions of sundry citizens of Hamilton county.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the reading of the petition be dispensed, and that it be referred to a select committee of three;

Which was adopted; and

Messrs. Dawkins, Duncan and Rogers appointed said committee.

The rules being waived, Mr. Abercrombie moved that a bill to be

entitled an Act to establish a Bank in Pensacola, be taken up and placed first among the orders of the day;

Which was adopted.

The rule being waived, Mr. Call from the Judiciary Committee made the following report:

The Committee on Judiciary to whom was referred the bill entitled "an Act to suspend the action of the sixth and eleventh Sections of the general banking law of the State of Florida,

REPORT:

That a majority of said committee recommend the passage of said bill, with the following additional sections, viz:

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the Charter of the Bank of Fernandina be and the same is hereby amended, so as to enable said Bank to suspend specie payments for the same period of time that the other Banks in this State may by law be allowed to suspend, without incurring any penalty.

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That there shall be no sales under execution or other judicial process in this State, without the consent of the Defendant in Execution until the first Monday in March next, provided the Defendent in execution will give bond and security for the forthcoming on that day of all property levied upon, liable to be removed or destroyed.

Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That during any suspension of specie payments as aforesaid, no agency of any foreign bank shall be required to pay specie, and the State Treasurer, the Register of Public Lands, and the several Tax-Collectors and Sheriffs and other receivers of public dues, shall receive the notes of all the solvent Banks of this State, or the States of Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama, so long as the same are generally received as currency at par in any part of this State, notwithstanding any such suspension of specie payments as is herein provided for.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which report was received, amendment adopted, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Engrossed resolution in relation to electing a United States Senator;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Simkins—11.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Chain, Davidson and Duncan—5.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed resolution relative to the price of public lands in this State;

Was read the third time;

The rules being waivd, Mr. Baldwin moved that the bill just read be put back upon its second reading;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Baldwin moved to refer the bill to the committee on Internal Improvements;

Which motion was adopted;

House bill to be entitled an Act to quiet titles, and to prevent unjust and vexatious litigation in the county of Escambia;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second and third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Simkins—15.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Resolution in reference to action of State Convention;

Was read the first time, rule waived, and read a second time.

Mr. Call moved to strike out after the words "convened," and insert the words "that this General Assembly having implicit confidence in the wisdom and patriotism of the people and the delegates whom they will select to the Convention, commit to them the interest of the State without a suggestion as to the course proper to be pursued."

Mr. McCall moved the indefinite postponement of Resolution and amendments;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Davidson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Simkins—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bowers, Chain, Davidson and Duncan—4.

So said resolution and amendments were indefinitely postponed.

On motion the Senate took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The rules being waived, the committee on Corporations made the following report:

The committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to charter the Southern Export company,

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and finding that the Coustitutional notice has been given, recommend the passage of said bill, with the following amendment, viz: add to the 6th Section the following: "Provided, however, that nothing in this Act shall be so construed as to grant to said corporation banking privileges.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JAS. T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.

Which report was received, amendments adopted and bill placed first among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ingram moved that the rules be waived to permit the committee on Engrossed bills to make a report:

Which was adopted.

The committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bill as being correctly engrossed;

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the Planters' and Merchants' bank of Pensacola.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chm'n Committee on Engrossed bills.

Which report was received, and on motion, the bill placed first among the orders of the day, and rule waived, read the third time and put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Simkins—15.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

And on motion, a committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Abercrombie, Starke and Rogers to convey said bill to the House;

Which committee, after a short absence, returned and reported that that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend in part the existing Militia laws:

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Militia.

A bill to be entitled an Act to organize the volunteer forces of this State;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second time and referred to the committee on Militia.

A bill to be entitled an Act providing for a State Uniform and Flag;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time and referred to the committee on Militia.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Call moved that the rules be waived to permit him to introduce a bill without previous notice;

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Catharine Joiner;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Walker and Watlington—16.

Nays—none.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion the rules were waived, and Mr. Dawkins was permitted to make the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred a petition from sundry citizens of Hamilton county, have considered the same and recommend the passage of the following bill.

D. C. DAWKINS, Chm'n.

A bill to be entitled an Act restoring the right of suffrage and other privileges to Josiah Bird, of Hamilton county;

Which was received, and bill read first and second times and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Dawkins, from select committee permitted to make the following Report:

The select committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of costs by

Plaintiffs in the Western Judicial Circuit, passed at the adjourned session of 1859, and approved by the Governor, December 21st, 1859, has considered the same, and recommend its passage with the following amendment:

"Strike out Section 2."

D. C. DAWKINS, Chm'n.

Which was recived and bill ordered to be Engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. McQueen from committee on Militia, made the following report:

The committee on Militia, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled "an act providing for a State Uniform and Flag," have considered the said bill, and beg leave to recommend its passage.

J. W. McQUEEN, Chm'n.

Which was received.

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the County Commissioners of Escambia County to borrow money to build a Court House and Jail;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read second and third times and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion a committee consisting of Messrs. Abercrombie, Simkins and Brokaw were appointed a special committee to convey said bill to the House.

Said committee after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

Mr. Baldwin moved that the rules be waived for the purpose of reconsidering the vote on the amendment to the bill for allowing the banks to suspend specie payment, &c.;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Ingram, McQueen, Starke and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Davidson, Duncan, Magbee, Rogers and Walker—7.

So said motion was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating pilots and pilotage of the Bay of Pensacola;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act declaring who shall be held and considered as Orphans;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish Notary fees;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the time of holding the Courts of the Western Circuit;

Was read the first time, and on motion, laid on the table until the 8th day of January, 1861.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Call from Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer,

REPORT

That they have had the same under consideration, and herewith return the same to the Senate and recommend its passage.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

On motion the rule was waived, and Mr. Baldwin from the Committee on Claims and Accounts made the following report:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of A. J. Peeler and others

REPORT

That they have had the same under consideration and find that the duty for which the charges have been made was done by the parties named in the bill; hence they seem, in justice, to be entitled to their pay; therefore, the Committee recommend its passage.

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the building of a Bridge over Bayou Texar;

Was read a first time, and on motion, the rule waived, read a second and third times, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—17.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, Messrs. Chain, Baldwin and Simkins were appointed a committee to convey said bill to the House of Representatives.

The Committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

House Resolution relative to the sale of the stocks of other States held by the Comptroller for the payment of the debts of the State and the purchase of arms and munitions;

Was read a second time, rule waived, read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—17.

Nay—Mr. Duncan—1.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The rules being waived, Mr. Call introduced,

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide against failure of representation in the counties of Dade and Monroe in the Convention;

Which was read a first, second and third times and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Davidson and Jones were appointed to convey said bill to the House of Representatives.

The Committee, after a short absence, returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Ingram made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the folllowing bill as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal so much of the act approved

January 7th, 1859, as consolidates the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector in Wakulla county.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM, Chairman.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal so much of the Act approved January 7, 1859, as consolidates the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor and Collector of Wakulla county;

Was read a second time; and

On motion, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to suspend the article of sections 6th and 7th of the General Banking law of this State;

Mr. Baldwin moved that the rule be waived and the bill be read a third time;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Baldwin;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Starke and Simkins—10.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Davidson, Magbee, Rogers and Walker—6.

So said motion was lost.

Resolution for the relief of L. I. Fleming;

Was read a second time, rule waived, read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Walker—15.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Baldwin, Jones and Dawkins was appointed to convey said resolution to the House of Representatives.

After a short absence the committee returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

A bill to be entitled an Act for a State Uniform and Flag;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A committee from the House notified the Senate that the House had appointed a select Committee of three, authorizing them to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate in regard to the General Appropriation bill.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 30th, 1860.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

Sir:—The House has this day passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act authorizing the Judge of the Middle Circuit to hold an extra term of the Circuit Court for Hamilton county;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of A. J. Peeler Clerk of the Supreme Court;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the establishment of the records of Columbia county and for other purposes; and

A resolution relative to the adjournment, &c.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read and bills and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an Act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of A. J. Peeler and others;

Mr. Rogers moved that the section be stricken out;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Davidson and Duncan;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Chain, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins and Walker—4.

So said motion was adopted.

House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of A. J. Peeler, Clerk the Supreme Court;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr President, Messrs Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—16.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson and Duncan—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Davidson moved that the House adjourn.

Mr. Rogers moved a call of the House.

The following Senators answered to their names.

Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington.

On motion, the further calling of the House was dispensed with.

Mr. Davidson withdrew his motion to adjourn.

On motion, the bill for the relief of A. J. Peeler and others, was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Baldwin and Rogers.

A Committee from the house appeared and reported that the House had ordered them to return Senate bill for the relief of Gen. Wm. E. Anderson and others, and request the Senate to fill the blank in said bill and return the same to the House.

On motion the bill was placed among the orders of the day to come up on its second reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Dawkins, the vote on the bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Gen. Wm. E. Anderson was re-considered.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the word "dollars" after the blank be stricken out, and insert the words, "the accounts of Gen. William E. Anderson and others under his command;"

Which motion was adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Davidson the Senate adjourned until half-past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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SATURDAY, December 1st, 1860.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The reading of yesterday's minutes were dispensed with.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the bill for the relief of Gen. Wm. E. Anderson and others, be placed first among the orders of the day.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, November 30, 1860.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I have approved and signed the following bill:

An Act to provide for calling a Convention of the people of the State of Florida.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

The following communication was received from the Treasurer:

TREASURY OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Nov. 30, 1860.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Agreeable to a Senate Resolution of yesterday, I herewith enclose a statement, showing the amount of Taxes paid by each county in the State during the year ending 1st inst.

The statement showing the amount of expenses for Jurors and State Witnesses, and Criminal Prosecutions, for each of the Counties, cannot be made up at this office, the statements and accounts pertaining to these expenses are deposited in the Comptroller's Office.

The *aggregate* amount expended for Jurors and Witnesses for all the Courts in the period as above, is $30,296.84, that for Criminal Prosecutions, $21,818.82.

Respectfully,

C. H. AUSTIN,
Treasurer.

Which was read and ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 29, 1860.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House of Representatives has just passed the following bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Military laws now in force in this State.

Very respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Representatives.

[illegible] and Bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call introduced the following joint Resolution postponing the hour of adjournment:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the hour of adjournment on Saturday, the first day of December, be postponed from *Noon* until fifty-five minutes past eleven o'clock.

Which was lost.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Call was allowed to introduce,

Joint Resolution in relation to the Comptroller's office;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read second and third times, and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Starke, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bowers, Davidson and Jones—3.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Ingram, from the Committee on engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an Act providing for a State uniform and flag.

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which was received, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to repeal so much of the Act approved January 7th, 1859, as consolidates the offices of Tax Assessor & Collector and Sheriff of Wakulla county;

Was read the third time and put on its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Walker—14.

Nays—none.

[illegible] title as stated.

[illegible] consisting of Messrs. Dawkins, Duncan

and Walker, were appointed to convey the bill to the House, who, after a short absence, returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Ingram, from the Committee on engrossed bills, made the following report:

The Committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM, Chairman.

Which report was received and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an Act restoring the right of suffrage to Josian Bird of Hamilton county; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM, Chairman.

Which report was received and bills placed amond the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Walker and Watlington—17.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Walker and Watlington were appointed to convey said bill to the House, who, after a short absence returned and reported they had performed that duty and were discharged.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for a uniform and flag;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Walker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bowers, Chain, Jones and Watlington—4.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Ingram and Walker were appointed to convey said bill to the House, who, after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

House bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the Judge of the Middle Circuit of Florida, to hold an extra term of the Circuit Court of Hamilton county;

Was read the first time, rule waived and read a second and third times and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—16.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act authorizing the bank of Fernandina to suspend specie payment whenever the other banks in this State are by law authorized to suspend;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Simkins —12.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Chain, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—6.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The rule was waived, and committee on engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an Act to suspend the action of section 6th

and 7th of the general banking law.

TILLMAN INGRAM Ch'm.

Which report was received, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an Act to suspend the action of section 6th and 7th of the general banking law;

Was read the third time.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Call allowed to offer the following amendment:

Be it further enacted, That section three of this Act shall not apply to any execution where the Plaintiff or his Attorney are willing to receive payment in the bills of solvent banks of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina or Alabama.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Rogers and Starke:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Davidson, Ingram, Magbee, Starke, Simkins and Walker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins, Duncan, McQueen and Rogers—5.

So said amendment was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Simkins—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Davidson, Ingram, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—8.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Rogers and Dawkins were appointed to convey said bill to the House, which committee after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Baldwin, Jones and Dawkins was appointed to wait upon the House and request that body to return a bill to be entitled an Act to suspend the action of section 6th and 7th of the general banking law of the State of Florida;

Which committee after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

A committee appeared at the bar of the Senate and reported that they were appointed a committee on the part of the House to return a bill to be entitled an Act to suspend the action of section 6th and 7th of the general banking law of the State of Florida.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

The following bills were read, and on motion, were laid on the table until the 8th day of January 1861 :

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Militia laws now in force in this State;

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish Notary fees; and

A bill to be entitled an Act regulating Pilots and Pilotage of the bay of Pensacola.

A bill to be entitled an Act declaring who shall be held and considered as orphans;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. McQueen moved that the rules be waived to alllow him to make a motion;

Which was adopted.

Mr. McQueen then moved to reconsider the vote on the bill to be entitled an Act to suspend the action of section 6th and 7th of the general banking laws of the State of Florida;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Rogers and Duncan;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Starke, Walker and Watlington—15.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Rogers and Simkins—3.

The Chair declared said vote reconsidered.

Mr. Rogers appealed from the decision of the Chair;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Walker;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Starke, Walker and Watlington —12.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Duncan, Rogers and Simkins—4.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Mr. Magbee then moved that the bill be laid on the table until the 8th of January, 1861;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Walker;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Davidson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Starke, Walker and Watlington—11.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Duncan, Jones and Rogers—7.

So said bill was laid on the table.

On motion, the rules were waived and Mr. Rogers presented resolutions from sundry citizens of Monroe county;

Which were laid upon the table until the 8th of Jaunuary, 1861.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Senate concur in the House resolution to adjourn at 1 o'clock, P. M., to-day;

Which was adopted.

On motion, Messrs. Rogers, Magbee and Simpkins were appointed a committee to inform the House, who, after a short absence returned and reported they had performed that duty and were discharged.

Mr. Magbee presented resolutions from sundry citizens at Cedar Keys;

Which were read and laid upon the table.

The following communication was received from the Comptroller:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Comptroller's Office, Nov. 30, 1860.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR: In accordance with a resolution of the Senate, I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement showing the amount of Revenues accruing in the several counties from all sources, during the fiscal year 1860,—also the amounts due the Jurors and Witnesses of the several counties, for services rendered during the same period. The full reports of Jurors and Witnesses have not been received from the counties of Escambia, Santa Rosa, Calhoun, New River, Sumpter, Hernando, Manatee, and Monroe. The statement therefore, contains only the Spring Reports of these counties. No separate account is kept with each county for expenditures under the head of Criminal Proceedings, and I am therefore not able at this time to furnish a statement showing what amount is charged to each county under this head.

The entire amount expended for criminal prosecutions during the last fiscal year was twenty-three thousand two hundred and seventy-four dollars and two cents ($23,274 02).

Very respectfully,
T. W. BREVARD,
Comptroller.

Which was read, and on motion, the accopanying statements were pread upon the journal and 80 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate:

Statement showing the amount of Revenue due from the several Counties of the State of Florida, comprising amounts due under the heads of Revenue Proper, Auction Tax, Licenses and Fines, and also the amount due the Jurors and Witnesses of the several Counties, as shown by Clerks Reports, &c.

Counties.	Revenue proper.	Auction tax.	Licenses.	Fines.	Total amount.	Am't paid jurors.	Amount due witnesses.	Total am't due jurors and witnesses.
Escambia,	$ 2,737 99	$ 91 57	$644 00	$ 173 75	$ 3,647 31	$ 371 50	$ 457 45	$ 828 95
Santa Rosa,	No return,		352 50	504 95	857 45	598 50	537 40	1,135 90
Walton,	942 49			165 00	1,107 49	583 20	130 10	713 39
Washington,	1,111 53				1,111 53	290 60	163 90	454 50
Holmes,	450 40			1,419 29	1,869 69	529 95	442 80	972 75
Jackson,	9,866 33		200 00	583 45	10,649 78	1,445 15	1,341 14	2,786 29
Calhoun,	933 89			23 75	957 64	693 30	992 60	1,685 90
Franklin,	3,367 38	1,309 41		282 90	4,676 79	286 00	37 50	323 50
Gadsden,	No return,		71 50	449 46	520 96	770 60	401 60	1,172 20
Liberty,	1,152 10				1,152 10	317 45	107 45	425 90
Leon,	15,887 24	151 61		300 00	16,338 85	868 00	346 45	1,214 45
Wakulla,	2,319 44	4 76	39 00		2,363 20	436 60	112 20	548 80
Jefferson,	9,937 41		65 00	16 00	10,018 41	337 75	113 65	451 40
Madison,	7,274 18		435 00	1 00	7,710 18	620 05	574 65	1,194 70
Taylor,	609 91			40 00	649 91	175 90		175 90
Lafayette,	728 13			45 00	773 13	542 30	151 40	593 70
Hamilton,	3,393 32		318 25	12 20	3,723 77	687 45	47 20	734 65
Columbia,	No return,		200 00	50 00	250 00	369 50	143 80	513 30
Suwannee,	" "		100 00	551 00	651 66	485 40	160 60	646 00

New River,	2,211 01		100 00	55 00	2,366 01	218 00		218 00
Alachua,	No return,					No return,	No return,	
Duval,	4,209 70	140 41	500 00	1,072 49	5,922 60	648 65	744 70	1,393 35
Clay,	1,028 42			38 60	1,067 02	252 10	74 80	326 90
Nassau,	3,549 33	10 50	900 00	118 86	4,578 69	98 90	131 80	230 76
St. Johns,	1,659 58	34 65	227 50	344 95	2,266 68	496 00	92 20	588 20
Putnam,	1,786 03		50 00	219 59	2,055 62	485 50	145 10	630 60
Orange,	710 77			787 91	1,498 68	505 30	160 85	666 15
Volusia,	760 02				760 02	740 66	25 50	766 16
Marion,	No return,		166 00	76 15	242 15	268 15	42 05	310 20
Sumpter,	" "			1 01	1 01	163 35	79 50	242 85
Levy,	1,026 88		100 00		1,126 88	489 40	182 00	672 00
Hernando,	2,448 88				2,448 88	313 90	38 80	352 70
Hillsborough,	1,919 08		35 00		1,954 00	997 70	117 95	1,115 65
Manatee,	No return,					280 00	No witn's.	280 00
Munroe,	1,884 70	489 70	740 00		3,113 40	342 50	177 00	519 50
Brevard,	No return,					Con. in	Con. in	
Dade,	" "					Volusia.	Volusia.	

T. W. BREVARD,
Comptroller, &c.

A Tabular Statement showing the amount of Taxes paid by each County of the State, from the first day of November, 1859, to the 31st day of October, 1860.

COUNTIES.	Sources received from.								Total.
	Rev. 1856.	Rev. 1857.	Rev. 1858.	Rev. 1859.	Rev. 1860.	Fines.	Licenses.	Auction Tax.	
Alachua,		$1,013 00	$1,296 62	$ 5,348 97	$ 6 70	$	$ 283 75	$	$ 7,949 04
Clay,				730 18					730 18
Calhoun,			119 50	483 01		18 62			821 13
Columbia,			1,271 64	2,500 00					3,771 64
Duval,		529 60		2,181 49					2,711 09
Escambia,				2,422 13			2,031 07	94 58	4,547 78
Gadsden,			2,869 55	4,084 77		590 58		886 86	8,431 76
Holmes,				332 75	335 66	463 10			1,131 51
Hernando,				2,172 63					2,172 63
Hamilton,			31 59	2,881 12		108 21	958 00		3,978 92
Hillsborough,			170 44	2,266 23		115 50	14 25	59 92	2,626 34
Jackson,	$39 51	24 57		8,738 61					8,802 69
Jefferson,				9,858 18		32 21	225 00		10,105 39
Leon,			79 56	14,909 65	2,000 00	343 79	561 01	144 00	18,035 01
Levy,				820 64			150 00		970 64
Liberty,			41 80	865 85					907 65
La Fayette,			149 13	746 72					895 95
Munroe,		16		1,592 56		10 62	964 25	1,039 99	3,607 58
Marion,		204 64	270 96	5,950 81					6,427 41

Manitee,			464 26	608 77		200 00			1,273 03
Madison.				6,797 49			348 88		7,146 37
New River,				1,644 32					1,644 32
Nassau,				2,688 22			271 91	10 50	2,970 63
Orange,				613 32	9 70	162 45			785 47
Putnam,				1,644 69		35 15	34 97		1,714 81
St. Johns,				564 35		9 50	216 13	55 15	845 13
Santa Rosa,			56 86	2,546 69		401 97	495 29		3,560 81
Suwannee,				1,309 19					1,309 19
Taylor,		2 02	17 98	400 00		38 00			458 00
Volusia,				414 89		5 00		5 72	425 61
Wakulla,				2,152 13				2 09	2,154 22
Walton,				932 43		73 63			1,006 06
Washington,			21 60	890 15		74 20			985 95
	$39 51	$1,773 99	$6,858 49	$93,263 94	$2,352 06	$2,685 38	$6,554 51	$2,285 96	$115,813 84

On motion the rules were waived, and Mr. Dawkins was allowed to introduce a substitute to the bill, engrossed for a third reading, to be entitled an Act restoring Josiah Bird to the rights of suffrage and other privileges;

Which bill was read a third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Duncan, Jones, Magbee and Starke—9.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson and Simkins—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Ingram, Baldwin, and McQueen, were appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the House, for the purpose of reporting an Appropriation Bill.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until a quarter-past twelve o'clock.

QUARTER-PAST 12 O'CLOCK, M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

On motion the vote laying on the table bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Militia laws of this State, was reconsidered.

The bill was read the first time, rule waived and read a second time and referred to the committee on Militia.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, December 1, 1860.

HON. T. J. EPPSE,
President of the Senate:

I have approved and signed the following Senate bill and resolution:

Joint resolution in relation to adjournment; also

An Act to establish the Merchants' and Planter's Bank of Pensacola.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had appointed them to inform the Senate that they had passed the bill to be entitled an Act making appropriation for expenses of the present General Assembly.

On motion the rule was waived and the committee on Enrolled bills made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an Act making certain appropriations for the support of Government.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

House bill to be entitled an Act making appropriation for expenses of the present General Assembly;

Was read the first time, rule waived and read a second and third times and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Watlington—15.

Nay—Mr. Duncan—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Bowers and Starke were appointed to convey said bill to the House of Representatives.

The committee after a short absence returned, and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the charter of a bridge across Bayou Texar, in the county of Escambia.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman.

Which was received and read.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, December 1st, 1860.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR: I have approved and signed the following Senate bill:

An Act making certain appropriations for the support of the Government.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

On motion, a Committee was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had appointed a Committee to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate, to wait upon the Governor, and inform him that the hour had arrived for the adjournment of the General Assembly, and the Chair appointed Messrs. Rogers, Chain, and Abercrombie, to act with said Committee.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the Committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled bills beg leave to report as correctly Enrolled the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act making an appropriation for the expenses of the General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS, Chairman.

Also the following:

The committe on Enrolled bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide against the failure of representation from the counties of Dade and Munroe in the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS, Chairman.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the President adjourned the Senate until the 7th day of January, A. D. 1861, at noon.

MONDAY, January 7, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Ingram, Mr. McQueen was excused from attendance in the Senate during the present week.

On motion of Mr. Call, the Senate adjourned until 12 o'clock M. on Wednesday next.

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WEDNESDAY, January 9, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, amended and adopted.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the issue of bonds by the Commonwealth of Florida to the extent of one million of dollars.

Mr. Call moved that the Judiciary Committee of the Senate be authorized to act as a joint committee with the Judiciary Committee of the House on all matters that may be referred to either committee.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chain gave notice, that after to-day he would ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the Common School Fund of Santa Rosa county; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower William H. Webster, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and to contract and be contracted with.

Mr. Call from committee on Judiciary made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a resolution of the 28th Nov., 1860, instructing said Committee to ascertain if there

be any law of this State to enforce the lien of ship-chandlers, store-keepers, and others therein named, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT:

That there being doubts as to any act of the Legislature of the State having made provisions for the enforcement of such a lien, would ask leave to introduce the accompanying bill, to be entitled, "An Act to provide a remedy to inforce the lien of ship-wrights, ship-chandlers and others, against ships, vessels, steamboats or other water crafts," and recommend its being printed and referred to the joint committee of the two houses.

GEO. W. CALL, Ch'n.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of costs by Plaintiffs in certain cases, in the Western Judicial Circuit;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Magbee, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—15.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an act regulating pilots and pilotage of the bay of Pensacola;

Was read the second time, and referred to Committee on Executive Department.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the time of holding the Courts of the Western Circuit;

Was read the second time, and on motion, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain and Dawkins.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish Notary fees;

Was read the second time, and referred to committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

A bill to be entitled an Act to suspend the action of sections 6th

and 11th of the general banking law of the State of Florida, and for other purposes;

Was read the third time, and on motion, the rule was waived and the bill placed back upon its second reading and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide a remedy to enforce the lien of ship-wrights, ship-chandlers and others, against ships, vessels, steamboats or other water crafts;

Was read the second time and referred to Judiciary Committee, and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company.

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—16.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 12 o'clock M. to-morrow.

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THURSDAY, January 10, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum not present.

On motion the Senate adjourned until to-morrow 12 o'clock M.

FRIDAY, January 11, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The following communication was received and ordered to be spread upon the journal:

HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 11, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: By a resolution of this Convention, your honorable body is respectfully invited to attend at the "Capitol" this day, at one o'clock, P. M., to witness the ratification of the "Ordinance of Secession." Your attendance is respectfully solicited.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM S. HARRIS,
Secretary.

Also the following:

TREASURY OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Jan. 10, 1861.

To Members of the Senate

and House of Representatives:

GENTLEMEN: The sum of Five Hundred Dollars was handed in this morning by Bishop Rutledge, as a voluntary contribution towards the expenses of the State Government this year.

Very respectfully,

C. H. AUSTIN,
Treasurer.

Mr. Magbee gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Thomas J. Danford to Thomas J. Cook, and for other purposes.

Mr. Chain asked for leave, which was granted to him, to introduce the following bills, of which he had previously given notice, to-wit:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law of this State in regulating the issue of the process of garnishment;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the road law, and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county, herein named;

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the Common School Fund of Santa Rosa county; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower William H. Webster, a

minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and to contract and be contracted with.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the disposition of Real Estate held in parcenay and in common;

A bill to be entitled an Act relating to foreign guardians;

A bill to be entitled an Act to alter the majority of women;

A bill to be entitled an Act defining treason and certain other crimes, and providing for the punishment thereof;

A bill to be entitled an Act to legalize certain sales of real estate;

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the Express busine s; and

A bill to be entitled an Act re-organizing the military forces of the State.

Mr. Duncan gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Nepcy Willams to that of Nepcy Cheshire.

Mr. Magbee gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for holding special terms of the Circuit Court.

Mr. McCall moved the bill entitled an Act to establish the records of Columbia County, be placed first among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call moved that a committee of three be appointed to announce to the House that the standing judiciary committee of the Senate had been authorized to act as a joint committee with the similar committee on the part of the House:

Whereupon the Chair appointed Messrs. Call, Simkins and Chain said committee.

Mr. Call moved that the invitation of the Convention to attend and witness the signing by the Convention of the ordinance of secession be accepted.

Mr. Brokaw gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the benefit of volunteer companies.

Mr. Chain presented the petition of James C. McArthur, former Sheriff of Santa Rosa county, asking for relief;

Which was read, and on motion referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Chain, Watlington and Bowers.

Mr. Baldwin gave notice that he would on some future day beg leave to introduce the following bill;

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Lavilla Institute.

The Committee on the Executive Department, to whom was referred "A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled, an

Act for the regulation of pilots and pilotage at the bay and harbor of Pensacola," having had the same under consideration, have instructed me to

REPORT:

That in the 1st line of the 7th Sec., after the word "that," strike out all thereafter up to the word "it" in 3d line, and after the word "aforesaid" in the 11th line, insert the following: "Provided, however, that nothing in this act or that of the 9th of January, 1855, aforesaid, shall be so construed as to require any vessel whatever, to pay pilotage, or any part thereof, unless the said vessel shall require and engage the service of a pilot."

And with these amendments, believing the said bill to be just and right, to recommend its passage.

JOHN CHAIN,
Chairman.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases in the Western Judicial Circuit;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on judiciary.

On motion, the resolution in regard to the election of Comptroller and Attorney General was taken up, and upon motion of Mr. Dawkins was laid on the table until Tuesday next.

Mr. McCall moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday next.

Mr. Rogers moved that at the hour named by the convention of the people of the State of Florida, the Senate repair to the eastern portico of the Capitol, the place selected by the convention for the formal signing of the ordinance of secession, and after the formalities of that occasion have been concluded, the Senate stand adjourned until to-morrow at 12 M.

Which was accepted by Mr. McCall as a substitute.

Mr. Call moved a division of the question, and the first portion of repairing to the Eastern portico of the Capitol;

Which was adopted.

The question of adjournment was then taken up;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. McCall and Rogers—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Duncan, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Walker and Watlington—15.

So said portion of the motion was lost.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina;

Was read the second time and referred to a select commitee consisting of Messrs. Call Baldwin and Finlayson.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act regulating Pilots and Pilotage of the Bay of Pensacola;

Was read the second time, and amendment made by the committee on Executive Department, was adopted.

Mr. Chain offered the following amendment:

At the end of the proviso, and after the word "pilot," insert "and that it shall be the duty of a vessel, when she wishes the services of a pilot to give a signal for that purpose."

Which was adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower William H. Webster, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and to contract and be contracted with;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the road law, and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county herein named;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the common school fund of Santa Rosa county;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of process of garnishment;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the commonwealth of Florida;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion, a committee of three consisting of Messrs. Call, Baldwin and Dawkins, was appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the House to inform the convention that the two Houses would be ready at the hour appointed to proceed to the eastern portico of the Capitol, and witness the signing of the ordinance of secession;

Which committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

At one o'clock the Senate proceeded to the Eastern Portico of the Capitol, where in the presence of the authorities of the State the Delegates to the Convention proceeded to affix their signatures to the Ordinance of Secession, after which the Senate repaired to the Senate Chamber, and on motion adjourned until to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

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SATURDAY, January 12th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Call introduced the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to legalize certain sales of real estate;

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the Express business;

A bill to be entitled an Act relating to foreign guardians;

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the disposition of real estate held in parcenay and in common; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to alter the majority of women.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Abercrombie gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Marth Ann Barnes to that of Mary Harriet McClelland.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Baldwin begs leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the La Villa institute near Jacksonville.

Mr. Chain gave notice that after to day he would ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the mode of appointing constables;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of the State in relation to coroners and jurors of inquest; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to relieve the Town Council

of the Town of Milton in Santa Rosa county, of the limit of fifty per cent. taxation within the corporation limits of said town, and for other purposes.

Mr. Ingram gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introdue the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of George W. Ellis, of Alachua county; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of George R. Clotfelter to George Washington Rosamond.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Duncan introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to that of Nepcy Cheshire;

Which was ordered to placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the records of Columbia county, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower William H. Webster, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate and to contract and be contracted with;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the road law, and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county, herein named;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the common school fund of Santa Rosa county;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment;

Was read the second time, and on motion referred to the committee on Judiciary and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections;

Was read the second time, and on motion, was referred to the committee on Elections, and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida;

Was read the second time and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the LaVilla Institute, near Jacksonville, Fla.;

Was read the first time by its title, and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to alter the majority of women;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act relating to foreign guardians;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the Express business;

Was read the fitst time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to legalize certain sales of real estate;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the disposition of real estate held in parcenay and in common;

Was read the first time, by its title and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the holding of extra terms of the Circuit Court;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Thomas J. Danford to Thomas Jefferson Cook, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to that of Nepcy Cheshire;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

Mr. Baldwin moved that Mr. Dawkins be excused from attendonce on the Senate during the next week, except at his own pleasure;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Call the rules were waived, and he moved that Mr. Dawkins be added to the standing committee on Judiciary;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, the following resolution, introduced by him yesterday, having been omitted on the journal, was ordered to be spread upon the journal of to-day:

Resolved, That the House be informed that the Senate will wait

on that body to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, to go into the election of Attorney-General and Comptroller;

Which resolution on yesterday was laid on the table until Tuesday next.

On motion the Senate adjourned until Monday, 10 o'clock A. M.

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MONDAY, January 14th, 1861

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The reading of the journals of Saturday's proceedings were dispensed with.

Which was amended and adopted.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, Mr. Abercrombie was excused from attendance on the Senate for an indefinite period.

On motion of Mr. McQueen, Mr. Duncan was excused from attendance on the Senate during the present week.

Mr. Abercrombie gave notice that he would at some future time introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to charter the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola;

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter the Gas Company of Pensacola;

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter the Water Works Company of Pensacola;

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter the City Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola; and

A bill to be entitled an act to charter the Chamber of Commerce of Pensacola.

Mr. Magbee gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Bank of Tallahassee.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Abercrombie asked leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Martha Ann Barnes, to that of Mary Harriett McClelland;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Chain from the Special Committee made the following report:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of James C. McArthur, former sheriff of Santa Rosa county, asking for relief, have had the same under consideraton, and

REPORT:

That it is clear and conclusive in the opinion of the committee, from the evidence in the case, that the petitioner is entitled to the relief prayed for, the facts being that the executions issued in the cases named and set out in the report of fines made to the Comptroller by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Santa Rosa county, for spring term, 1859, amounting in all to the sum of one hundred and seventy-six dollars and ninety-four cents, and placed in the hands of the petitioner, the then acting sheriff of said county, were all returned by the petitioner, as such sheriff, into the office of said clerk, no property to be found, where they now remain, except one which has since been placed and is now in the hands of the present sheriff of said county, the said petitioner not having been able, while they were in his hands as sheriff aforesaid, to collect anything or any of them, but the amount aforesaid stands charged against him on the books of the Comptroller's office, and that it requires an act of the General Assembly to authorize the Comptroller to credit the petitioner's account with the amount aforesaid. Therefore, the committee ask leave to present the accompanying bill for the relief prayed for, and recommend its passage.

JOHN CHAIN,
GILES BOWERS,
F. WATLINGTON. } Committee.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to re-establish the records of Columbia county and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and on motion referred to committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the La Villa Institute near Jacksonville;

Was read the second time by its title, and on motion referred to committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an Act to alter the majority of women;

Was read the second time and on motion ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
January 12, 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has this day adopted the following resolutions, viz:

A resolution that this House will be ready on Tuesday next, the 15th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., to go into the election of Attorney-General and Comptroller of Public Accounts for the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,
A. J. PEELER.
Clerk House Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act relating to foreign guardians;

Was read a third time and on motion was read the second time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the express business;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to legalize certain sales of real estate;

Was read the second time and on motion referred to committee on Judiciary and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the disposition of real estate held in parcenay and in common;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Judiciary and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the holding of extra terms of the Circuit Court;

Was read the second time and on motion referred to committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Thomas J. Danford to Thomas Jefferson Cook and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and on motion ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to that of Nepcy Cheshire;

Was read the second time and on motion ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million of dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida;

Was read the second time and on motion referred to committee on Taxation and Revenue.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Martha Anne Barnes to that of Mary Harriet McClelland;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of James C. McArthur, former Sheriff of Santa Rosa county;

Was read the first time and on motion ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion, Mr. Magbee was excused from attendance in the Senate on to-morrow.

On motion, the rules were waived and Messrs. Call, Watlington and Jones were appointed a committee to confer with the House, and ask them to return the bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of Pilotage in the port of Fernandina.

Mr. Magbee informed the Senate that Wm. R. Coulton, the messenger elect, could not attend on account of pressing business, and moved that the Senate immediately go into an election of a messenger;

Which was adopted.

The Senate then went into the election of a Messenger.

Mr. Brokaw nominated Wm. G. Lester;

The vote was:

For Lester:—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, and Simkins—11.

So Mr. Lester was declared elected as Messenger.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 15 minutes before twelve o'clock, on to-morrow.

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TUESDAY, January 15th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev, Mr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, amended and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Finlayson, the Senate took a recess until one minute before 12 o'clock.

One minute before 12 o'clock, the Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Call, a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Call, Chain and McCall, were appointed to proceed to the House of Representatives, and inform that body that the hour had arrived for

the two Houses to go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts. The committee, after a short absence, returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

Mr. Call asked that leave be granted him to introduce without previous notice the following bill;

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish a Bank in behalf of, and for the benefit of the State;

Which leave being granted, the bill was introduced, rule waived, read the first and second time by its title, and 200 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate, House, and Convention.

A committee from the House informed the Senate that the time had arrived for the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts, and invited the Senate into the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The Senate repaired to the Hall of the House of Representatives.

The President of the Senate, by invitation of the Speaker of the House took the Chair.

The President declared the object of the joint meeting to be the election of an Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts for the State.

The President announced that nominations were in order:

Mr. Pooser nominated Mr. Thomas T. Long;

Mr. Holland of Hernando, nominated Mr. John B. Galbraith;

The vote was:

For Long—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Simkins—9. House—20. Total—29.

For Galbraith—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—8. House—18. Total—26.

Blank—House—1.

The President declared that neither candidate having received a constitutional majority, there was no election.

The joint meeting then proceeded to take another ballot;

The vote was:

For Long—Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke and Simkins—8. House—19. Total—27.

For Galbraith—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—8. House—18.—26

Blank—Mr. Chain—1. House—1. Total—2.

The President declared that neither candidate having received the constitutional majority, there was no election.

On motion of Mr Call, the joint meeting then proceeded to ballot for Comptroller of Public Accouts.

The President declared that nominations were in order:

Mr. Vanzant nominated Mr. Lewis Pyles;

Mr. Cole nominated Mr. R. C. Williams;

Mr. Finlayson nominated Mr. Wm. H. Scott;

The vote was:

For Pyles—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8. House—18. Total—26.

For Williams—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain, Jones, Magbee, Starke, Walker and Watlington—8. House—18. Total—26.

For Scott—Mr. Finlayson—1. House—4. Total—5.

Neither candidate having received the constitutional majority the President declared there was no election.

The joint meeting then proceeded to take another ballot;

The vote was:

For Pyles—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—9. House—18. Total—27.

For Williams—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Jones, Magbee, Starke, Walker and Watlington—7. House—19. Total—26.

For Scott—Mr. Finlayson—1. House—3. Total—4.

Neither candidate receeiving the constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

On motion, the joint meeting then adjourned, and the Senate returned to their Chamber.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Baldwin introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Ingram introduced the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of George R. Clotfelter to George Washington Rosamond; and

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate.

Mr. Brokaw gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace for Leon county.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day introduce he following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act punishing breaches of trust by telegraph operators; and

A bill to be entitled "an Act punishing slander."

Mr. Magbee presented the petition of sundry citizens of Levy, and the county commissioners of Hillsboro county;

Which was referred to a select committee of Messrs. Magbee, McCall and Walker.

Mr. Baldwin presented the petition of James McCormick, of Duval;

Which was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Baldwin, Jones and Simpkins.

Mr. Call introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A monument to the late Captain John Parkhill, who wastkilled in the service of the State, has been procured by the voluntary subscription of his fellow-soldiers and citizens;

Resolved, That the same be erected in the Capitol Square under the supervision of Major-General G. W. Parkhill, at a point to be chosen by him.

Mr. Call offered the following resolution namely:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That T. T. Long having at the joint session of the two Houses held on Tuesday, the 15th inst., received 29 votes for Attorney-General, J. B. Galbraith 27 and Blank 1, the said T. T. Long was duly elected Attorney-General of the State of Florida;

Which was read a second time and Mr. Magbee moved the resolution be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Ingram and Walker;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—10.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Starke—8.

So said resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Ingram introduced the following resolution:

A Resolution for the relief of George W. Ellis, late Sheriff of Alachua county:

WHEREAS, George B. Ellis, late Sheriff of the county of Alachua, stands charged on the books of the Comptroller of the State with sundry items, amounting in the aggregate to five hundred and forty dollars, ($540,) which amounts have never been collected by said Sheriff from the parties defendant against whom they were charged, from causes entirely beyond the control of said Sheriff, (as will appear by certificates accompanying this resolution,) There fore be it

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the Comptroller of Public Accounts be, and he is hereby directed to post to the credit of George B. Ellis, late Sheriff of Alachua county, the sum of five hundred and forty dollars, ($540.)

Mr. Magbee introduced the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That a committee be appointed to act with a similar committee to be appointed on the part of the House, to draw and report a complete financial system for the State of Florida.

2d, *Resolved,* That said Committee of Finance report the increased labors, duty and responsibility of the Comptroller of Public Accounts incident by the act of secession and the necessity of increasing the salary of said officer, and what changes are required in the laws regulating that office for the public interest and to report upon any other matters that, in the opinion of the committee should be acted upon on account of our present condition as an independent State.

On motion, the rules were waived and Mr. McCall gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to charter a Railroad from Lake City to Blount's Ferry.

Mr. Wm. G. Lester, who was elected messenger on yesterday, came forward and was sworn in by the President.

The Special Committee made the following report:

The Special Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to change the time for holding the Circuit Courts for the Western Judicial Circuit, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to make the following

REPORT:

That they have substituted the accompanying bill for the original one, and recommend its passage.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE,
JOHN CHAIN,
D. C. DAWKINS. } Committee.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Joint Committee on Judiciary made the following report:

Mr. Call from the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the "Act concerning Replevin," made the following

REPORT:

That they recommend the passage of the said bill with the following amendments: In the 2nd line of the 3rd section of the printed bill, after the word "that," insert the words "he is lawfully entitled

to the possession of the said property for a fixed term, (specifying the same,) though not to the right of property;" also in the fourth and fifth lines of the same section strike out the words "of the district of any and if none of the next district," and insert the word "County;" in the 5th line of the same section, after the word "men," insert the words "who are qualified by law to serve as jurors in the Circuit Court of this State, not of kin to either party;" in the 6th line of the same section, after the word "when," insert "unless the trial of the cause shall on the application of either party and for good cause shown, be continued to a more distant day."

Strike out the 5th section.

In the 8th line of 3rd Section, after the word "affidavit," insert "or that the Plaintiff is entitled to the right of possession for the term specified in his affidavit, though not to the right of property."

GEO. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.
D. H. MAY,
Chairman House Committee.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ingram, from the committee on engrossed bills, made the folfowing report:

The Committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the road law, and repeal a certain act therein named;

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower William H. Webster, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and contract and be contracted with;

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the common school fund of Santa Rosa county;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the road law and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county herein named;

A bill to be entitled an Act declaring who shall be held and considered as orphans and

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an act regulating Pilots and Pilotage of the bay of Pensacola.

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chairman.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Martha Ann Barnes to that of Mary Harriet McClelland:

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of James C. McArthur former sheriff of Santa Rosa county;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to encourage the formation of cavalry and mounted companies in this State for military service;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to morrow.

Resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis, of Alachua county;

Was read the first time, rule waived and read the second time by its title and referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

Resolution to draw a complete financial system for the State of Florida;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of George R. Clotfelter to that of George Washington Rosamond;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize and empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate;

Was read the first time and rule waived and read the second time by its title and refered to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Ingram, Rogers and Bowers.

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning replevin;

Was read a second time and amendments reported by Judiciary commitee adopted.

Mr. Magbee moved to add the following section:

Sec. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to slaves hired unless the parties hath made written contract as to hire;

Which was lost.

Mr. Call moved the following:

Sec. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That where the right of possession to slaves is vested in one person and the right of property in another, it shall be at all times lawful for any jury before whom the right of possession shall be tried, to enquire whether the said slaves have been in anywise maltreated or abused, and should such appear to have been the case by the party entitled to the possession of the

same, then his or her right of possession shall be considered as forfeited and vested in the party entitled to the right of property;

Which was adopted and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the times for holding the Circuit Courts for the Western Judicial Circuit;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act declaring who shall be held and considered as orphans;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act regulating Pilots and Pilotage of the Bay of Pensacola;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins, Walker, and Watlington—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the common school fund of Santa Rosa county;

Was read the third time, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins, Walker, and Watlington—16.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower William H. Webster, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and to contract and be contracted with;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call,

Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins, and Watlington—13.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the road law, and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county, herein named;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was;

YEAS—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—16.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion the Senate adjourned till to-morrow, 12 o'clock, M.

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WEDNESDAY, January 16, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, amended and adopted.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee on the part of the House to return Senate bill to be entitled an Act in relation to pilotage at the port of Fernandina.

Mr. Magbee gave notice that he would on to morrow introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of the Florida volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow sheriffs costs for advertising their sales in the public gazettes of the State.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Magbee begs leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Simkins gave notice that after to day he will introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act concerning roads and highways in this State;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the protection of heirs, minors and wards against injustice in this State and for other purposes; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to authorize the appointment of measurers and inspectors of Lumber and for other purposes.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Brokaw begs leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon County.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Magbee the resolution to draw a complete financial system for the State of Florida;

Was placed first among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call moved that the bill entitled an Act to amend the pilot laws of the port of Fernandina, which passed the Senate November 30th, without being engrossed, be engrossed and the proper endorsements placed on the engrossed bill, and the same be returned to the House;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call from the joint Judiciary committee made the following report:

The Joint Select Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Senate bill entitled "an Act to suspend the action of sections 6th and 11th of the General Banking Law of the State of Florida, and for other purposes," and also the House bill entitled "an Act to authorize the suspension of specie payments by the banks of the State and the agency of banks that are engaged in the banking business in this State,"

REPORT:

That they are divided as to the necessity, and also as to the constitutionality of either of said acts. There are but three banks now organized and in operation in this State: one at Fernandina, under a charter, one in Tallahassee, and one at Jacksonville—each organized under the General Banking Law. The President of the Bank of Fernandina has notified your committee that the condition of that bank does not demand the passage of any suspension bill and that having ample means to meet all her liabilities in coin, it is not

likely that that bank would take advantage of the suspension bill if it should pass.

The President of the State Bank of Florida, located at Tallahassee, has also informed your committee that though he is desirous that the suspension bill should pass, and would recommend to his Board of Directors to avail themselves of its provisions, yet he does not know whether his Board would consent, and that the means of the Bank are ample to meet its liabilities in specie, unless the political condition of the country should at once cause a drain upon its specie and prevent the *possibility* of the banks replacing the amount thus drawn out. A contingency in the apprehensions of which your committee do not share.

In reference to the Bank of St. John's, located at Jacksonville, your committee are not so well informed, not having been able to communicate with any of its officers. It is currently reported that that bank has suspended specie payments about one month since, and if this be true it is probable that the legalization of the act is desired by it. But the very fact that such suspension, (made without warrant of law, but in obedience to the presumed wishes of the community where the bank is located,) has been attended so far with no injurious consequences to the bank, that none of its notes have been protested and filed with the Comptroller, as is provided may be done by the 6th and 11th section of the General Banking Act, and that no attempt has been made to force the stocks of the bank on the market in this period of general depreciation, is to the minds of several of your committee conclusive proof that it is better to compel the banks to trust to the generosity of the public, than the public to the generosity of a bank legally authorized to repudiate its obligations.

In reference to the constitutionality of the proposed bills, although the constitution expressly requires all bank liabilities to be paid in specie, your committee have not doubted that it was entirely within their power to relieve the banks from any forfeiture of charters or penalties payable to the State by reason of the non-payment of specie for their liabilities, and a majority of them are of opinion that the Legislature might with propriety, consulting the interests of the note-holders, amend the 6th and 11th sections of the General Banking Act, by prescribing the time, mode and manner in which the Comptroller of the State should proceed to sell the stocks deposited with him to secure the prompt payment of the bills of the banks, in which particulars the law is at present so vague as to be entirely unavailable to the bill holder. But the 31st section of the General Banking Law provides that every such "association shall be liable to pay the "holder of every bill or note put in circulation as money, the pay-"ment of which shall have been demanded and refused, damages for "non-payment thereof in lieu of interest, at and after the rate of

"*fourteen* per cent. per annum, from the time of such refusal until "the payment of such evidence of debt and the damages thereof." A majority of your committee are decidedly of the opinion that this provision is a part of the contract between the banks and their bill-holders and cannot be altered by the General Assembly, so far as any bills now in circulation are concerned. The charter of the Bank of Fernandina has a similar claim, the damages being twelve per cent.

These considerations have induced your committee to report against the legislation of the act of suspension, but they are at the same time compelled to admit the apparent hardship of this course should the suspended currency of our neighboring States continue to be received, not only by the community at large but by all the officers of Government, upon the same terms and conditions as the specie paying currency of our own State. The result of this must of necessity, be the ultimate total substitution of this suspended currency for specie or specie funds. They have, therefore, reported a bill relieving the banks from the unnecessary expenses of protest on their bills, reducing the interest on such notes as the banks may *hereafter* issue and fail to pay from fourteen to six per cent., and prescribing what funds may be received and paid out by the several receivers of public money in this State, the passage of which they recommend. The provision in one of the bills referred to them, providing for a stay of executions, is also a matter on which your committee are divided. Having determined against the bank suspension bill, a portion of the committee are disposed to report against any stay law, as this measure, however, is altogether dependent on its own merits. The committee report a bill entitled "an Act providing for a stay of executions," which a majority of them believe to be constitutional.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.
D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the Committee on Corporations made the following report:

Mr. Magbee from the committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an Act to incorporatethe La Villa Institute, near Jacksonville, Florida,

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that said bill do pass.

JAMES T. MAGBEE,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ingram, from the committee on Engrossed bills, made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as being correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to that of Nepcy Cheshire;

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the Express business;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Thomas J. Danford to Thomas Jefferson Cook, and for other purposes; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to alter the majority of women.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chm'n Com. on Engrossed bills.

Mr. Baldwin from the committee on Claims and Accounts made the following report:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis, of Alachua county, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and have examined the accompanying certificates, from which they are satisfied that the charge of five hundred and forty dollars on the Comptroller's Book against George B. Ellis, for fines collected by him as Sheriff of Alachua County, ought not to be enforced, from the fact that the said fines have never been collected by the said Ellis, and there is sufficient evidence presented to your committee to warrant them in the belief that there has been no negligence or direlection of duty on the part of said Ellis, that these fines has not been collected.

Therefore the committee have authorized me to recommend that the accompanytng resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis do pass.

A. S. BALDWIN,
Ch'm. Comm. Claims and Accounts.

Which report was received and resolntion placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call from the joint Judiciary committee made the following report:

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an Act to establish the records of Columbia county, and for other purposes, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that said bill, together with the amendments to the same attached, be allowed to pass.

GEO. CALL,
Chairman Senate Com.
D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Com.

Which report was received and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call from the joint Judiciary committee made the following report:

The Joint Judiciary Committee to whom was referred the Senate bill to be entitled an Act to change the mode of selecting grand and petit jurors, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they recommend its passage with the following alterations: Strike out sections 2, 4 and 5, and insert the accompanying substitute, number 2, 4 and 5. Add section 11, 12 and 13, herewith reported.

GEO. CALL,
Chairman Senate Comm.
D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Comm.

Which report was received and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call, from the Joint Judiciary Committee, made the following report:

The Joint Judiciary Committee of the two Houses, to whom was referred the Senate bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate Criminal proceedings, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the 5th section thereof be stricken out, and the bill do pass.

GEO. CALL,
Chairman Senate Comm.
D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Comm.

Which report was received and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call moved that a joint committee of ways and means, consisting of three members from each House be appointed and authorized to apply to the Convention now in session, for any additional powers which may be suggested to carry on the government during the present emergency;

Which was, on motion, placed with the resolution to draw a bill for a complete financial system, placed first among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ingram, from the Select Committee, made the following report:

The select committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled ad Act to authorize and empowvr Florida A. Stanly to assume the management of her own estate, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the passage of the bill.

TILLMAN INGRAM, Chairman.
S. St. GEO. ROGERS,
GILES BOWERS.

Which reyort was received and bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolution to draw a bill for a complete financial system for the State of Florida;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved as a substitute the motion made by him, that a joint committee of ways and means be appointed and authorized to apply to the Convention now in session, for any additional powers which way be suggested to carry on the government during the present emergency, which, together with the resolution, was referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Magbee, Call, and Dawkins.

A bill to be entitled an Act to encourage the formation of the

mounted and cavalry companies in this State, for military service;

Was read the first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on militia.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of George R. Clotfelter to George Washington Rosamond;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Resolution in regard to the erection of a monument to the late Captain John Parkhill;

Which was read the first time, rules waived, read a second and third time, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—16.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Rogers, McQueen and Baldwin were appointed to convey said bill to the House of Representatives;

Which committee after a short absence returned, and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to that of Nepcy Cheshire;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, and Simkins—11.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Rogers, Starke and Walker—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis, of Alachua county:

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of the Banks in this State, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time, the amendments reported by the Judiciary committee adopted, and 80 copies of the same ordered to be printed.

Also the bill recommended by Judiciary committee in their report to be entitled "an Act providing for a stay of executions;"

Was read and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Florida & Georgia Railroad Company;

Was read the second time and on motion referred to the committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the La Villa institute near Jacksonville, Florida;

Was read the second time by its title and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading oc to-morrow.

A bill to be entiled an Act to facilitate criminal proceedings;

Was read the second time and the 5th section of the bill as recommended by the report of the Judiciary committee was stricken out.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out all of said bill after the enacting clause;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Magbee, McCall and Rogers—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

So said motion was lost.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 12 o'clock M. to-morrow.

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THURSDAY, January 17, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion, the reading of of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Mr. Magbee gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to Introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the office of Indian Agent.

Mr. Simkins gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine, to be located at St. Augustine, Florida.

Mr. Chain asked leave, which was granted him, to be permitted, at the request of, and for Mr. Abercrombie, to introduce the following bills of which Mr. Abercrombie had previously given notice :

A bill to be entitled an act to charter the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola:

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Magbee introduced the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow sheriffs cost for advertising their sales in the public gazettes of this State.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of the Florida volunteers and others who have not been paid, for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians;

Also the rule was waived, he allowed without previous notice to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee river;

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Simkins introduced the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act concerning roads and highways in this State.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the protection of heirs, minors and wards against injustice in this State and for other purposes; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to authorize the appointment of Measurers and Inspectors of Lumber and for other purposes.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Daukins gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to improve the navigation of Chipola river and other purposes.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Call introduced the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to punish breaches of trust by Telegraph Operators.

A bill to be entitled an Act to define and punish slander; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to re-organize the Militia forces of this State.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rule was waived, and the bill reorganizing the militia forces of this State was read the first and second time by its title and referred to committee on Militia.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to prevent the circulation of depreciated currency in certain cases.

Mr. Call moved that when the two Houses next go into an election for Attorney-General and Comptroller, that after the first ballot for each of said officers, unless some person receives thirty-five votes; each member of the General Assembly then present, shall write the name of some one person on a ballot, which ballots being collected in a hat or box, the President of the Senate shall draw therefrom one, and the person whose name shall be written on said ballot, shall be then balloted for as the only candidate for said office;

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. McCall moved that a committee be appointed to inform the House that the Senate would be ready at one o'clock to-day to go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Jones, and Magbee—4.

So said motion was adopted.

The Chair appointed Messrs. McCall, Starke and Walker as said committee, who retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

Mr. Magbee presented the petitions of sundry persons of Manatee county, asking relief for Joseph Alzerotte;

Also a petition of sundry persons asking relief of Dr. James D. Smith;

Also the memorial of the Judge of Probate and County Commissioners of Hillsborough county, in relation to School Commissioners;

Which, on motion of Mr. Magbee, was referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Magbee, Ingram and Jones.

Mr. Call introduced the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, in General Assembly convened, That the two Houses do adjourn *sine die* on Friday, the 24th January, at 3 P. M.

Mr. Call, from the Joint Judiciary Committee, made the following report:

The Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary report against the passage of the bills referred to them entitled "an Act to increase the compensation of Solicitors of the State;" "an Act to provide

for the holding of extra terms of the Circuit Court;" and "an Act urging the several counties in the State to defray the expenses of jurors and State witnesses."

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.
D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.

The minority of the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary have instructed the undersigned to report in favor of the "Act urging the several counties in this State to defray the expenses of jurors and State witnesses."

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.
D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.

Mr. Call, from the Joint Judiciary Committee, made the following report:

The Joint Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled an Act to provide a remedy to enforce the lien of shipwrights, ship-chandlers and others against ships, vessels, steam-boats or other water crafts," have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to

REPORT:

1st. That in the first section, strike out the "Proviso."

2d. In the 7th line of the second section between the words "to" and "all," insert "the Sheriff and."

3rd. In the second line of the third section, after the word "craft" strike out all up to the word "may" in the third line.

4th. In the third line of the third section, after the word "replevied," strike out all up to the word "and" in the fifth line, and insert "by the Captain, owner or agent giving bond and security in double the amount of the debt or demand claimed, payable to the plaintiff conditioned for the payment of the judgment and costs which the plaintiff may recover in the suit."

And with these amendments adopted, to recommend the passage of the bill.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call from the joint Judiciary committee made the following report:

The Joint Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "an Act to amend an act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs, in certain cases, in the Western Judicial Circuit," have had the same under consideration and instructed me to

REPORT

In favor of the passage of the same.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Baldwin, from the Select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Duval county, in behalf of James McCormick,

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and find that the petition contains a request in behalf of Mr. James McCormick, an old and respectable citizen of said County, who has had the misfortune to lose the use of one of his legs, and is obliged to substitute a wooden one, to allow him to peddle goods, &c., without being liable to the tax imposed upon pedlars.

The committee are of the opinion that there now exists on our statute books of State, at least one case where a citizen has been allowed to peddle without being liable to the tax. Your committee are not favorable to the practice of making exceptions of this kind to existing laws of our State, yet if there are cases in which such exceptions can be made, the case under consideration is one of them, and your committee ask leave to report the followlng bill.

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman of the Select Committee.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Martha Ann Barnes, to that of Mary Harriett McClelland;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of James C. McArthur, former Sheriff of Santa Rosa county;

A resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis, of Alachua county;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the times of holding the Circuit Courts for the Western Judicial Circuit;

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the LaVilla Institute, near Jacksonville, Fla.;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of George R. Clotfelter to George Washington Rosamond; and

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning replevin.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM Ch'm.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Records of Columbia County, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time, amendments adopted, rule waived, read the third time by its title, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—16.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A Committee from the House of Representatives appeared at the bar, and informed the Senate that the House had refused to concur in the desire of the Senate to go into the election of Attorney-General and Comptroller of Public Accounts, to-day at 1 o'clock.

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate criminal proceedings;

Was read the second time by its title.

On motion the Senate went into a Committee of the Whole. Mr. Call in the Chair. After some time spent in the consideration of the bill, the committee rose, and through their Chairman, reported the blll back to the Senate, with the amendments adopted by the committee, and recommend its passage.

Mr. Call moved that in the third line of the printed bill, after the word "writing" insert "the details of," and strike out in said line, after the word "offence," the words "intended to be;"

Which was adopted.

On motion the Senate adjourned until fifteen minutes before 11 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, January 18, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as chaplain.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Major General Benjamin Hopkins.

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Jones was allowed to introduce without previous notice, the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington county to establish a Ferry across Holmes Creek; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to compel the regular attendance of witnesses;

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Brokaw gave notice that he would on some future day, ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Donald Cameron, Justice of the Peace for Leon county.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Simkins introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the college of St. Augustine, to be located at St. Augustine, Fla;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Bowers gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to extend the jurisdiction of Justice's of the Peace and for other purposes.

Mr. Chain asked leave, which was granted to him, to be permitted, at the request of and for Mr. Abercrombie, to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas-light Company;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Chain moved that the journals of the Senate be so amended as to show that on Tuesday the 15th inst., while the two Houses were in joint assembly for the election of Attorney General and Comptroller, and after the first ballot, wherein Mr. T. T. Long received for Attorney General twenty-nine ballots out of fifty-six, being a clear majority of two of the votes cast, and the President of the joint assembly declared that neither candidate had received a constitutional majority, and there was therefore no election, that George W. Call, one of the Senators then present, moved the Chair to de-

clare the said T. T. Long duly elected Attorney General, which motion the Chair refused to entertain as being out of order under rule 12th of the joint rules of the General Assembly.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Watlington gave notice that after to-day he will ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law on fishing.

Mr. Bowers asked leave to present a petition of a number of citizens of Walton County for the benefit of Alex. C. Moors;

Which was received and referred to committee on Judiciary.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 17, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed the following bills and resolutions viz:

A Senate bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county as amended;

A Senate bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Escambia County to borrow money to build a courthouse and jail as amended;

A House bill to be entitled an Act permanently to locate the county site of Volusia county;

A House bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden former sheriff and tax collector of Putnam county.

A Senate resolution relative to the erection a of monument to Capt. John Parkhill in the Capitol square.

Very respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was received, and read and House bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That whereas, there is a great deal of business before the Legislature which has been retarded by the repeated ballotings for the offices of Attorney General and Comptroller; that the election for said offices, be and are hereby postponed until the next regular meeting of the General Assembly;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call from the joint Judiciary committee made the following report:

The Joint Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment, having had the same under consideration, instructed us to

REPORT:

In the 11th line of the 1st Section, between the words "Attorney" and "to," insert the words "at law or in fact."

With amendments adopted, recommend the passage of the bill.

GEO. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.
D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call from the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bills entitled an Act to legalize certain sales of real estate, and an Act to facilitate the disposition of real estate held in parcenay and in common, report against the passage of the said bills.

The same committee recommend that the bill referred to them entitled an act relating to foreign guardians, do pass.

GEO. CALL,
Chairman Senate Com.
D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Com.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call, from the Joint Judiciary Committee, made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred the Act defining the condition of negroes and other persons of color in this State, report a substitute for said bill and recommend its passage.

GEO. CALL,
Chairman Senate Com.
D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Com.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee from the select committee, made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred the petition of a large number of citizens, praying for the relief of Dr. James D. Smith, respectfully represent that they have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that the relief should be granted, and herewith report a bill for that purpose, and ask that the same do pass ·

JAS. T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.
WM. B. JONES.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the select Committee, made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred the petition of a large number of citizens of Manatee and Hillsborough counties, praying relief for Joseph Alzerotte,

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that relief should be granted said Alzerotte, and herewith report a bill for that purpose, and recommend its passage.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.
W. B. JONES.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the select committee, made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Judge of Probate and county commissioners of Hillsborough county,

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the passage of the bill accompanying this, their report.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.
W. B. JONES.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate criminal proceedings;
Was read a second time.
Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the first section;
Which was lost.
Mr. Rogers moved to amend the first section by inserting the

words "other than in cases of felony" after the word "indictment," in the second line of the printed bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Magbee and Rogers—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Finlayson, Jones, McQueen, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the first section by striking out the words "or judgment on a criminal case be arrested," in the second line of the printed bill;

Which was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the first section by striking out the words "or misjoinder of offences," in the third line of the printed bill;

Which was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the first section by striking out the words "or for any other cause whatever," in the fourth line of the printed bill;

Which was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the second section;

Which was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the second section by inserting the words "submitted to the Grand Jury returning such indictment, or to the Grand Jury at the next ensuing term of such Court, and then finding thereon had, and returned into Court in the same manner as now provided for the returning of bills of indictment when the same shall be if returning with the affirmation of the Grand Jury," after the words "which specification shall be," in the fourth line of the printed bill;

Which was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the third section;

Which was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the third section by inserting the words "be submitted to the Grand Jury returning such indictment or to the Grand Jury at the next ensuing term of said Court, and then finding thereon had, and returned into Court in the same manner as now provided for the returning of bills of indictment, which specification when so returned, with the affirmation of the Grand Jury shall" after the words "which specification shall" on the fifth line of the printed bill;

Which was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the fourth section;

Which was lost.

On motion, the amendments made while in Committee of the

Whole, were concurred in and adopted, by striking out the fifth section.

On motion, the bill was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a resolution to go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts;

Which resolution was placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the mode of selecting the Grand and Petit jurors in this State;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the the 3rd section of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Rogers and Walker;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Davidson and Rogers—4.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Baldwin moved to strike out in the 3d section, the words "or any other person;"

Which was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out in the 3rd section the words "or add any name thereto;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Rogers and Walker;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Magbee, Rogers and Walker—8

Nays—Messrs. Bowers, Chain, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McQueen, Starke, Simkins and Watlington—9.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to amend section 7 by inserting in the second line of printed bill, after the word "county" the words "or attained the age of 21 years and who are competent jurors as aforesaid;"

Which was adopted.

The bill then with amendments as recomended by the Judiciary Committee, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Bank of Tallahassee;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish a bank in behalf of and for the benefit of the State of Florida;

Was read a second time and and referred to committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the express business;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was;

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Starke, Simkins and Walker—16.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Thomas J. Danford to Thomas Jefferson Cook and for other purposes;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins, Walker, and Watlington—13.

Nays—Messrs Baldwin, Brokaw, and Rogers—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act to alter the majority of women;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones and Simkins—10.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Walker—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Edward M. West, justice of the peace of Leon county:

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of the Banks in this State, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Eppes moved to strike out section 2, in said bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Call;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen and Walker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Davidson, Finlayson, Rogers and Simkins—7.

So said motion was carried, and Sec. 2 was ordered to be stricken out.

On motion the Senate adjourned until Monday, 1 o'clock, P. M

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MONDAY, January 21, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion the reading of the minutes of last Friday's proceedings were dispensed with.

Mr. Dawkins, according to previous notice, introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to improve the navigation of Chipola River, and other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Jones, the rules were waived, and he allowed without previous notice, to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county, from Hewitts Bluff to that of Gay Hill, and for other purposes therein expressed;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Brokaw asked leave, according to previous notice, to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Donald Cameron, a Justice of the Peace of Leon county.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Bowers asked leave to introduce, according to previous notice, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, and for other purposes;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Bowers the rules were waived and he allowed without previous notice to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the time of holding the Spring Term of the Circuit Court for the counties of Holmes, Walton and Washington, and to change the time of holding the Fall Term in Washington county;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Chain asked for leave, which was granted to him, at the request of, and for Mr. Abercrombie, of which he had heretofore given notice, to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to Incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Chain gave notice that he would, after to-day, ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12, 1849.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish a term of the Supreme Court in the Suwannee Circuit;

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for holding the terms of the Supreme Court at the seat of Government;

A bill to be entitled an Act providing for the issue of Treasury notes;

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Mutual Marine and fire Insurance Company of Fernandina;

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Commercial Bank of Ferdandina;

A bill to be entitled an Act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed;

A bill to be entitled an Act defining who shall be competent witnesses, and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the time of holding the courts in the Suwannee Circuit;

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning attachments;

A bill to be entitled an Act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the defence of certain Sea Ports.

Mr. Chain asked leave, which was granted him, to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law of this State in relation to Coroners and Juries of inquest;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee moved that the resolution in regard to postponing the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts be placed first among the orders of day;

Which was adopted.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Chairl introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to relieve the Town Council of the Town of Milton, of the limit of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said Town, and for other purposes;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call moved that the following additional rule to be numbered , be adopted;

No motion to adjourn or to take a recess for more than two hours shall be in order until after the orders of the day have been disposed of;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Davidson gave notice that he would on some future day introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Sheriffs.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. Call introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the defence of certain Sea Ports;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Stark presented a petition from sundry citizens of Orange county;

Which, on motion, was referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Davidson presented the petition of E. W. Oakes and others;

Which was referred to committee on Proposition and Greivances.

Mr. Finlayson from the committee on Taxation and Revenue, made the following report:

The committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the commonwealth of Florida,

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage with the following additional section:

Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That any person or persons holding claims against the State, that are now due or past due and desirous of investing the same in said bonds, that on such claims being properly authenticated, the Comptroller shall register the same and issue his warrant on the Treasurer for the amount of such claims, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized as heretofore prescribed to

issue to such person or persons bonds for the amount respectively due them, provided the same is not less than one hundred dollars.

JNO. FINLAYSON,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Brokaw from the committee on the State of the Commonwealth made the following report:

The committee on the State of the Commonwealth, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to establish the fees of Notaries Public in certain cases, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to make the following

REPORT:

The committee recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendments.

P. B. BROKAW,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ingram, from the committee on Engrossed bills, made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as being correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate criminal proceedings;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize and empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate;

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chm'n Com. on Engrossed bills.

Mr. Dawkins from the committee on Internal Improvements made the following report:

The committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to protect occupants or settlers upon the public lands of the State in their possession of, and to their improvements thereon, and a resolution relative to the price of the public lands in this State, have considered the same and recommend the passage of both the bill and resolution.

D. C. DAWKINS, Chm'n.

Which report was received and read and bill and resolutions placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call from the Select Committee made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an Act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina, report that they have examined the said bill and recommend its passage.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which report was received and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call, from the select committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred the bill entitled an Act for the relief of A. J. Peeler and others,

REPORT:

That a bill has already passed both Houses for the relief of A. J. Peeler, and consequently this bill, in its present shape and with its present title, should not pass, but a substitute providing for the other persons named therein, if any relief is due them.

The claim for relief is founded on the following state of facts:—The office of the Floridian & Journal was destroyed by fire early in August last. The reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court for the terms held in 1860, which were being published, were consumed with everything else in the office. The Attorney-General, without waiting for the notice of the General Assembly, applied to the Clerk and Deputy Clerks for duplicate copies of the opinions, to enable him to proceed as soon as possible, to publish the reports, advising them that as the reports had to be published, and as this could not be done without the required copies, he had no doubt the Legislature would provide for their payment. The Clerk and Deputies consented to this, and have furnished the duplicates.

Again, the Attorney-General discharged the duty required of him by the law, which directs that he shall report the decisions. He performed this duty to the extent of the cases printed when the fire occurred, which comprised nearly all, leaving a few cases, and those not the most important, unfinished. Having performed his duty he is entitled to be paid for the work he did. Messrs. Dyke & Carlisle, the publishers, printed several hundred pages of the report, and in a short time, had the fire not occurred, would have completed the work. The delay in getting the work out is not attributable to them, but to the delay in furnishing the Attorney General with the necessary copies. Had the copies been furnished in time, the reports would have been complete, and deposited with the Secretary of State sometime before the occurrence of the fire. They had finished

all the cases that were prepared by the Att'y. General, who furnished them as fast as the printing progressed until all the cases on hand were completed, when a stop was put to the work until the copies of the cases needed in West Florida should be received by the Attorney General. These were not received until July, and immediately on being received the work went on. A delay of a month or more was thus occasioned, and hence the work was not fully completed when the fire occurred. These facts the committee are unanimous, entitle the Deputy Clerks and Attorney General to pay for their extra work, and a majority are of the opinion that Messrs. Dyke and Carlisle also should be paid, and they accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying bill, entitled an Act for the relief of M. D. Papy, *et al.*

GEO. W. CALL,
Chm'n. Select Committee.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolution in regard to postponing the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts;

Was read.

Mr. Call moved that the resolution be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Brokaw;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Rogers, Starke and Simkins—10.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw and Magbee—3.

So said resolution was indefinitely postponed.

The following message was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, January 21, 1861.

To the President and members of the Senate:

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with the ordinance of the Constitution "establishing a Court of Admiralty for the Southern District of Florida, and requiring the Governor to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a Judge and Marshal for said Court," I respectfully recommend for the advice and consent of the Senate, the Hon. S. R. Mallory, for Judge of said Court of Admiralty, and Fernando J. Moreno, as Marshal of said Court.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read, and nominations advised and consented to.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESETATIVES,
January 18th, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bills and adopted the following resolutions, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklocknee river for the purpose of erecting a mill;

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Matthew L. McKinney to assume the management of his own estate;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of A. D. Rogero, of St. John's county; and

A resolution requesting the Comptroller to render statements of the several banks in this State.

Respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read and bills and resolutions placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 21st, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES:

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bills and resolutions, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Town of Campbellton, in Jackson county;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the School Laws of Columbia, Suwannee, New River, Lafayette, Nassau and Sumpter counties;

A Senate resolution for the relief of L. I. Fleming; and

A resolution for the relief of B. Frisbee and M. J. Murphy.

Respectfully,
A. J. PEELER
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and bills and resolutions placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, the rules were waived, and a resolution for the relief of B. Frisbee and M. J. Murphy was taken up

and read a first time, rules waived, read a second and third time by its title, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, Rogers, Starke and Simkins—15.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a Joint and Select Committee of three members be appointed by the House to act with a like committee from the Senate to report a bill providing for Finances for this State, and that said committee be instructed to invite gentlemen of financial abilities to appear before said committee and confer with them for the best interest of the State, and the Treasurer and Comptroller are requested to furnish said Joint Committee with any information which they may require; also, that the House had appointed a committee to consult with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, in regard to a uniform and flag.

The resolution was placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of the Banks of this State and for other purposes;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Call moved to amend by inserting in the third section, first line, after the words "that," the words "no forfeiture or penalty due to the State shall be exacted from any bank or banking association nor shall any proceeding be instituted in the name or by the authority of the State against any bank or banking association and"

Which was adopted.

On motion the Senate took a recess until 3½ o'clock, p. m.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

Mr. Call asked that the rules be waived to allow him to make a motion;

Which was granted.

Mr. Call moved that a committee of three be appointed to act

with a similar committee appointed by the House to report a bill providing for the Finances for the State ;

Which was adopted.

Whereupon Messrs. Call, Finlayson and Magbee, was appointed as said committee.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of the Banks in this State, and for other purposes ;

Having been under consideration this morning was read.

Mr. Davidson moved to recommit the bill to the Judiciary committee ;

Which was lost.

Mr. Eppes moved to strike out the fourth section ;

Which was carried.

Mr. Eppes moved to amend by adding the following additional section :

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the several banks of this State, and the agencies of foreign banks in this State be and they are hereby authorized to suspend specie payment ; and all penalties or interest heretofore provided by law upon their refusal to pay specie on demand of any bill holder of the notes of any of said Banks be and the same are hereby suspended until the first day of January, A. D. 1862.

Mr. Davidson moved as an amendment to Mr. Eppes' amendment ;

After the words "banks" insert "hereafter to be issued ;"

Which was lost.

Upon the question of the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Eppes, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Magbee ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Davidson and Jones—5.

Nays—Brokaw, Call, Chain, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8.

So said amendment was lost.

Mr. Eppes moved to amend by adding the following additional section :

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the State Treasurer, the Registers of Public Lands, the several Tax Collectors and Sheriffs and all other receivers of public dues, be and they are hereby authorized to receive in discharge and payment of taxes or other indebtedness due the State, the notes of the several Banks of Florida and the notes of the agencies of the Banks of Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama in this State that are current until the first day of January, A. D., 1862.

To which Mr. Call offered the following substitute :

Be it further enacted, That the State Treasurer, the Register of Public Lands, the several Tax Collectors and Sheriffs, and all other receivers of public dues are hereby required to receive the notes of all specie paying banks in the States of Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Eppes;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Finlayson, Rogers, Starke and Watlington—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee and McQueen—8.

So said substitute was lost.

The question then recurred as to the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Eppes;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Eppes;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee and McQueen—12.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—4

So said amendment was adopted.

Mr. Call moved the following amendment:

Be it further enacted, That no bank, bank agency or banker shall pay out at its or their counter or place of business, the bills of any bank which does not pay specie for its bills (other than their own,) under a penalty of five hundred dollars, for every such offence, to be recovered by an action of debt, one-half for the use of the informer, (in which suit the informer may be a witness).

Mr. Magbee moved that the bill and amendment be laid on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Call:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones and Rogers—10.

So said motion was lost.

The question then recurred upon the amendment offered by Mr. Call;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Eppes and Davidson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Davidson, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones and Magbee—7.

So said amendment was adopted.

Mr. Call moved the following additional section:

Be it further enacted, That every bond, bill, note or other security for money, the consideration for which shall be a loan or advance, of the notes of suspended banks shall be totally void.

Mr. Finlayson moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Finlayson and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee and McQueen—8.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—8.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved that the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Eppes;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Ingram and Magbee—5.

So said motion was carried.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the rules were waived and he allowed to make a motion;

Which was adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Rogers, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, January 22, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion, the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Mr. Chain moved that the additional rule to be numbered — that "no motion to adjourn or to take a recess for more than two hours, shall be in order until after the orders of the day have been disposed of," be, and the same are hereby repealed, and that the following be adopted in lieu thereof:

That hereafter the Senate shall meet at 10½ o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 1½ o'clock, P. M., daily, until otherwise ordered by the Senate.

The motion was declared adopted. The Chair deciding that it required only a majority to adopt the motion—from which decision of the Chair Mr. Call appealed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Call and Brokaw;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—9.

Nay—Mr. Call—1.

So said decision of the Chair was sustained.

Mr. Call moved that the House Resolution providing for going into an election for Attorney General at 7½ o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday, 22nd January, be placed among the orders of the day.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chain asked leave, which was granted him, to introduce the following bill, of which he had previously given notice:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12, 1849;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Senator from the 19th District be excused from further attendance during the session;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Commercial Bank of Fernandina; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Mutual Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Fernandina;

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 21, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

Sir: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, viz.:

A Senate bill to be entitled an Act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer;

A House bill to be entitled an Act authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to furnish the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia county, with the seal of office;

A House bill to be entitled an Act to Incorporate the town of Campbellton, of Jackson county;

A House bill to be entitled an Act to repeal an Act authorizing a Bridge Tax in Walton county;

A House bill to be entitled an Act to Incorporate the Pensacola and Mobile Railroad and Manufacturing Company;

A House bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Acts creating laws in favor of builders, material, men, mechanics, laborers and others;

A Senate bill to be entitled an Act declaring who shall be held and considered orphans;

A House bill to be entitled an Act to reorganize the county of Brevard and for other purposes; and

A Senate bill to be entitled an Act regulating Pilots and Pilotage of the bay of Pensacola;

The following bill was lost.

A Senate bill to be entitled an Act to empower William H. Webster, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and to contract and be contracted with.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep,

Which was read and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

The following communication was received from Wm. S. Harris, Secretary of the State Convention:

HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 22, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I herewith, by directions of the Convention, transmit to your body, certain ordinances and resolutions, adopted by the Convention of the people of Florida, at its late session, viz:

An Ordinance of Secession.

Ordinances fifth, sixth and seventh, relating to duties and imports.

An Ordinance empowering the Legislature to do certain things.

An Ordinance extending the jurisdiction of the State over Forts, Arsenals, etc.

An Ordinance to amend the eleventh section of the sixth article of the Constitution.

An Ordinance authorizing the Governor to appoint William H. Chase a Major General.

An ordinance authorizing the Governor to accept the services of p rsons in certain cases.

An Ordinance amending the seventh article of the Constitution.

An Ordinance giving to the Circuit Courts certain powers.

An Ordinance to create a Court at Key West.

An Ordinance changing the second section of the third Article of the Constitution.

An Ordinance relating to certain laws passed by Congress.

An Ordinance to amend the third and eighth sections of the sixth Article of the Constitution.

An Ordinanee giving to the General Assembly certain powers.

An Ordinance to remove certain disabilities under the Constitution.

A resolution making it the duty of the General Assembly to provide for Light Houses, in certain cases.

Very respectfully,

WILLIAM S. HARRIS,

Secretary of the Convention.

Which was read, and five hundred copies of the Ordinances accompanying said communication ordered to be printed in pamphlet form.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House resolution in regard to the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts;

Was read.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by substituting 12 o'clock to-morrow;

Which was adopted.

The resolution as amended was adopted.

On motion, a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Call, McQueen and Bowers, were appointed to convey said resolution to the House and request their concurrence to the amendment.

The committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported they had performed that duty and were discharged.

The Senate resumed its consideration of a bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of the banks in this State and for other purposes.

The foregoing amendment of Mr. Call's was taken up;

Be it further enacted, That every bond, bill, note or other security for money, the consideration for which shall be a loan or advance of the notes of suspended banks shall be totally void.

And upon the question of its adoption the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Call;

The vote was;

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Dawkins, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee and Rogers—10.

So said amendment was lost.

Mr. Call moved that the section offered by him and adopted by the Senate on yesterday be amended by inserting between the words "business" and "the" the words "by way of loan or discount."

Which was adopted.

Upon motion of Mr. Chain, 80 copies of the bill as amended was ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an Act providing for a stay of executions;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

Was read a first time by its title and ordered for second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee river;

Was read a first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola;

Was read a first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow sheriff costs for advertiseing their sales in the public gazettes of this State;

Was read a first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate bills and resolutions which have passed the House and been certified to the Senate were ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians;

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act concerning roads and highways in this State;

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the protection of heirs, minors and wards against injustice in this State, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act to authorize the appointment of Measurers and Inspectors, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide a remedy to inforce the lien of ship-wrights, ship-chandlers and others against ships, vessels, steam-boats or other water crafts;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Engrossed bill to be entitled an Act to change the times for holding the Circuit Courts for the Western Judicial Circuit;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—17.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of George R. Clotfelter to George Washington Rosamond;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—15.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin and Walker—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the LaVilla Institute near Jacksonville, Florida;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Walker and Watlington—16.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of James McCormick;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Engrossed bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Martha Anne Barnes to that of Mary Harriet McClelland;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen and Watlington—13.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—4.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill entitled an Act for the relief of James C. McArthur, former Sheriff of Santa Rosa county;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—17.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act to define and punish slander;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to punish breaches of trust by Telegraph Operators;

Was read a first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Engrossed bill to be entitled an Act concerning replevin:

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—16.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act requiring the several counties in this State to defray the expenses of jurors and State witnesses;

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by adding the following section:

Be it further enacted, That from and after the passage of this Act, the Board of County Commissioners of the different counties

of this State be and they are hereby empowered to impose such tax on their respective counties as may be sufficient to defray the annual expenses of such counties.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call moved to amend by adding the following section:

Be it further enacted, That the Board of County Commissioners of each county shall have power to fix the compensation both per diem and mileage which shall be allowed to jurors and State witnesses in said county: *Proeided*, no juror or State witness shall be allowed less than fifty cents per day nor less than four cents per mile travel. And no juror or State witness shall be allowed any per diem or mileage for attendance on any Court where any cause, either criminal or civil, is pending, to which he is a party, or in which he is a witness on behalf of any party other than the State, and the clerk of each Circuit Court shall at the close of each term thereof, furnish to the Treasurer of each county, a certified abstract of all jurors and State witnesses who are entitled to pay for attending said term; and shall also certify that none of the parties therein named were parties to any suit pending at said term, or were summoned or sworn as witnesses in any cause on behalf of any party other than the State.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Davidson moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Davidson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Ingram, Rogers and Walker—7.

So said bill was indefinitely postponed.

House amendments to bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county;

Was concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

House amendments to bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the county Commissioners of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties to borrow money to build a Court House and Jail;

Were concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled an Act to increase the compensation of the Solicitors of this State;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the words "or county" in the second section;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Magbee moved the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and Davidson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Davidson, Finlayson, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones and Rogers—8.

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of cost by plaintiffs in certain cases in the Western Judicial Circuit;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the holding of extra terms of the Circuit Court;

Was read a second time and indefinitely postponed.

A resolution in regard to an adjournment of the General Assembly;

Was read a second time.

On motion of Mr. Rogers it was indefinitely postponed.

Engrossed resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis, of Alachua county;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones and Rogers—11.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The Senate then adjourned until half-past ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

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WEDNESDAY, January 23, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. McCall the rules were waived, and he allowed to introduce without previous notice, the following bill;

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City;

Was read the first time by its title, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the committee on Corporations.

Mr. Chain gave notice that after to day he would ask leave to introduce the following bill;

A bill to be entitled an Act to impower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with, and to plead and be impleaded.

Mr. Jones gave notice that he would on some future day, ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law of this State for the issuing of attachments.

The rules being waived Mr. Magbee arose and addressed the Senate as follows:

Mr. President:—I rise to perform the sad duty of announcing to the Senate, that Dr. B. W. Saxon, Delegate from Hernando county, and a signer of the Declaration of Florida's Independence, departed this life at half-past four o'clock, P. M., January 22nd, 1861.

It is always sad, and truly a bereavement, to lose one so noble as him, of whom we speak. His life was not only dear to his family, and innumerable friends, but it was dear to the cause of liberty, and Southern Independence. Yea, Mr. President, the dispensation of Providence has fallen heavily on relations, friends, and our beloved Commonwealth. At this sad intelligence, in my imagination, I see the Lone Star banner of our gallant State, draped in mourning for one of its departed sires. Sad is the picture; the cup of grief is full to its brim. Oh, happy thought! thy pinions hath borne to our troubled mind, the welcomed message: "He is not dead, but sleepeth." While he sleeps with his patriot fathers, whose example it was his chief desire to emulate, his name will be embalmed in the heart of every Floridian, and will stand prominent on that sacred parchment, the Ordinance of Secession, bound and decorated by the fairest of hands. Our friend, Mr. President, was no ordinary man; though modest and unassuming, he possessed a strong intellect, trained and cultivated by mentors worthy of such a trust. His family is not unknown to the pages of history, and he has proved to be worthy of his sires. South Carolina was his native State, and it does my heart good, Mr. President, to have so vivid in my memory, that bright and pleasing countenance, and hear as by magic, that sweet toned voice, pronounce the words so often used by him, "South Carolina, my native State, Alabama and Florida, my adopted States, one and inseparable." Yes, Mr. President, he was proud of his native and adopted

States, and well may they be proud of him. He came to the Convention, (though he was in feeble health,) with a strong will and a stout heart, to place Florida in a condition to vindicate herself and her honor against the repeated wrongs of a Northern oppressor. He was always in his seat when the Convention was in session, like a good and faithful soldier, he was always at his post. Never shall I forget, Mr. President, the manly form of that noble defender of Southern rights, when, with patriotic pride, he took the pen to sign that instrument, declaring that Florida is, and ought, of right, to be, a free and independent State. In his last sicknsss, while suffering from the fatal disease, diptheria, he seemed rejoiced to see his friends, and to the last he bore his sufferings with that christian fortitude that challenges the admiration of all.

Mr. President, as a tribute of respect to departed worth, I offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate do now take a recess until half-past three o'clock. P. M., and then to meet here and repair as a body to the Planters' Hotel, to attend the funeral ceremonies over the remains of Dr. B. W. Saxon, delegate of the Florida State Convention, from the county of Hernando, after which the Senate shall stand adjourned for to-day.

Resolved, As a token of respect for the deceased, who was a signer of the ordinance of secession, that each Senator do wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Mr. Rogers seconded the resolution, and paid a handsome tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The resolution was then adopted.

The Senate then adjourned until half-past ten o'clock to morrow morning.

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THURSDAY, January 24, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of the minutes of yesterday's Journal were dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Chain the rules were waived, and the Senate bill entitled an Act regulating Pilots and Pilotage of the bay of

Pensacola, which passed the House with amendment, was taken up; amendments concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the rule adopted on Tuesday, 22nd instant, requiring the Senate to meet at half-past ten o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at half-post one o'clock, P. M., daily, until otherwise ordered by the Senate, be stricken out.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Baldwin gave notice that he would at some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act relative to the appointment of Stevedores in the port of Jacksonville, on the St. John's River.

Mr. Simkins moved that the rules be waived, to allow a bill entitled an Act to prescribe the mode and manner of receiving troops in the State service, to be read the first and second times by its title, in order that it may be referred to the committee on the militia;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Magbee the rules were waived, and the bill to be entitled an Act concerning Pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys;

Was placed first among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call moved that the House of Representatives be informed that with their concurrence, the Senate will be prepared to go into an election of Comptroller and Attorney General at 12 o'clock, this day;

Which was adopted, and on motion a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Davidson, and Rogers, were appointed to inform the House of the adoption of said resolution, which committee retired, and after a short absence, returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged;

Mr, Call, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Act governing the county commissions of Nassau county in certain cases.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for holding the terms of the Supreme Court at the seat of government;

A bill to be entitled an Act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts; and

A bill to be entitled an Act defining who shall be competent witnesses, and for other purposes.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Chain asked for leave, which was granted to him, to introduce the following bill, of which he had previously given notice:

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the manage-

ment of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with, and to plead, and be impleaded;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill :

A bill to be entitled an Act declaratory of the sense of the General Assembly as to the grant of lands to aid in the construction of the different Railroads in this State.

On motion of Mr. Finlayson, the rules were waived, and he allowed to introduce, without previous notice, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Judges of Probate;

Which was placed second among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee moved that the Judiciary Committee investigate whether or not Railroad Companies have any right under the Constitution, to issue any notes to be used as a circulating medium.

Which was lost.

Mr. Davidson offered the following resolution :

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That both Houses of this General Assembly do adjourn, *sine die*, on Thursday, the 31st inst., at one o'clock, P. M.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Brokaw asked leave to introduce the following preamble and resolutions :

WHEREAS by an Act approved by the Governor 22d December, 1859, it was by the General Assembly enacted that the line then being run by B. F. Whitner, jr., on the part of Florida, G. J. Orr, on the part of Georgia, should be and was thereby recognized and declared to be the permanent boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida as soon as the said should be permanently marked by said surveyors, provided the said line at its eastern terminus did not depart from or miss Ellicott's mound more than one-fourth of a mile or twenty chains; And WHEREAS the said line has been run and marked by said surveyors on the part of the two States, the eastern terminus of which so run and marked is within the distance prescribed in the said proviso, therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the line run and marked by B. F. Whitner, jr. on the part of Florida, and G. J. Orr on the part of Georgia, be and the same is hereby declared to be the permanent boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida, and that the Governor be and he is hereby requested to issue his proclamation, that the said line so run and marked has been and is declared to be the permanent boundry line between the two

States; *Provided*, the State of Georgia shall have on its part declared the said line to be the boundary between that State and Florida.

Resolved further, That the Governor be requested to forward a a copy of these resolutions to the Governor of Georgia with a request that similar steps be taken by Georgia, so that the question of boundary may be finally settled.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Dawkins from the committee on Internal Improvements made the following report:

The committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred the bill entitled an Act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,

REPORT:

That they have examined said bill and approve of its provisions, and think them necessary to secure to the citizens of the State the full benefit of the Internal Improvement system so liberally aided by the State, the bill however, is deficient in not providing for enforcing a compliance with the spirit and intent of the act of Congress granting lands to the State to aid in building these roads, and also of the 23d section of the Internal Improvement Act, both of which contemplate and expressly require that the several companies should carry the public mails according to the directions of the Post-Office Department. Your committee have therefore prepared a substitute for said bill having the same title and recommend its passage.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Chairman.

Which report was received, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled Bills report the following bills correctly enrolled, viz.:

An Act to authorize the County Commissoners of the counties of Escambia and Santa Rosa to borrow money for the purpose of building a court-house and jail;

Resolution for relief of L. I. Fleming;

An Act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county;

An Act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer;

An Act declaring who shall be held and considered as orphans; and

Resolution relative to the erection of a monument to Capt. John Parkhill.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman.

Mr. Magbee from the select committee made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred a resolution to provide for a complete financial system and substitute thereto,

REPORT:

That the Senate has appointed a committee of Finance to act with a similar committee on the part of the House, they recommend that the resolution and substitute be not adopted.

JAS. T. MAGBEE,
Chairman.

Mr. Magbee from the Select committee, made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred the memorial of a majority of the county Commissioners of Hillsboro' county, praying that power be granted to the county Commissioners to levy an extra tax upon the people of that county, for county purposes,

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that a greater tax should not be imposed on the people than is now allowed by law, unless those who are to be taxed petition the General Assembly that such power be specially granted. Your committee recommend that the prayer of the memorial be refused.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.
H. H. WALKER.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the Select committee, made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred the petition of a large number of the citizens of Levy county, asking that the county site of said county be located at Otter Creek,

REPORT:

That the Hon. Thomas N. Clyatt, Representative from that county, has introduced a bill to locate the county site of said county.

Your committee therefore recommend that the Senate take no further action on the petition until the House has acted on said bill, or until the same is asked for by the House.

JAS. T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.
H. H. WALKER.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act concerning pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys;

Was read the second time and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Magbee, Watlington and McQueen.

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to Judges of Probate;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read second time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Joseph Alzerotte;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act relating to the duties of school commissioners, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. McCall, the rules were waived and he moved that the bill to be entitled an Act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City, was returned to the House.

Mr. McCall then moved that the rules be waived and the bill be placed first among the orders of the day;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Bowers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bowers, Davidson, Finlayson, McCall, McQueen and Simkins—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Rogers, Walker and Watlington—10.

So said motion was lost.

A bill to be entitled an Act defining the condition of free negroes and other persons of color;

Was read the second time and substitute recommended by Judiciary committee adopted, and 80 copies of the bill ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, the rules were waived, and he was allowed to introduce according to previous notice the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation so sheriffs.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The rules were waived and the bill read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate the disposition of real estate held in parcenay and in common;

Was read the second time and on motion, was indefinitly postponed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to legalize certain sales of real estate;

Was read the second time and on motion was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled an Act relating to foreign guardians;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Dr. James D. Smith;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment;

Was read the second time, amendments recommended by the Judiciary committtee adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed as amended for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to compel the regular attendance of witnesses;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington County to establish a ferry across Holmes Creek;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas-Light Company;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine to be located at St. Augustine;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

House bill entitled an Act permanently to locate the county site of Volusia county;

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an Act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, former sheriff and tax collector of Putnam county;

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to improve the navigation of Chipola river and other purposes;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county from Hewitts Bluff to that of Gay Hill and for other purposes therein expressed;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Donald Cameron, Justice of the Peace of Leon county;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to extend the jurisdiction of Justice's of the Peace and for other purposes;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to relieve the Town Council of the town of Milton, of the limits of fifty per cent. on taxation within the corporate limits of said town, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the law of this State in relation to coroners and juries of inquest;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to Incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the time of holding the Spring Term of the Circuit Court for the counties of Holmes, Walton and Washington, and to change the time of holding the Fall Term of said Court in Washington county;

Was read the first time and on motion laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida:

Was read a second time.

Mr. Chain offered the following amendment:

After the word "dollars" in the fifth line of the second section of the printed bill add "and the Governor shall not issue a bond or

bonds, under the provisions of this act, for any greater amount than for the money actually received, dollar for dollar."

Which was adopted.

The amendments recommended by the Judiciary committee were adopted, and the bill as amended, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the defence of certain Sea Ports;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nay—Mr. Davidson—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize and empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act to facilitate criminal proceedings;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was;

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Ingram, McQueen, Simkins and Walker —12.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson and Magbee—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of A. J. Peeler *et al*;

Was read the second time and substitute offered by the Judiciary committee adopted; substitute was read and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina;

Was read the second time and laid over for a second reading on to-morrow.

House resolution relative to the price of the public lands in this State;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to protect occupants or settlers upon the public lands of the State of Florida, in their possession of, and to their improvements thereon;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish Notary fees;

Was read the second time and amendments reported by the committee adopted, and 80 copies of the bill as amended ordered to be printed.

House bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the town of Campbellton, Jackson county;

Was read the first time by its title and oreered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act to amend the school laws of Columbia, Suwannee, New River, LaFayette, Nassau and Sumpter counties;

Wrs read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an Act for the relief of A. D. Rodgers, sheriff of St. Johns' county;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an Act to allow Matthew L. McKinney to assume the management of his own estate;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an Act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklocknee river for the purpose of erecting a mill;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House resolution requesting the Comptroller to render a statement in regard to the condition of the banks;

Was read the first time, and on motion, laid upon the table.

House resolution in relation to common finance;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second and third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—None.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Starke, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—15.

So said resolution was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an Act to re-organize the county of Brevard and for other purposes;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

House bill entitled an Act to amend the Acts creating liens in favor of builders, material men, mechanics, laborers and others;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Davidson the rules were waived, and resolution in relation to adjournment was taken up;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

House bill entitled an Act to repeal an Act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

House bill entitled an Act authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to furnish the clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia county with a seal of office;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Commercial Bank of Fernandina;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

House bill entitled an Act to incorporate the Pensacola and Mobile Railroad and Manufacturing Company;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12th, 1849;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee river;

Was read the second by its title and referred to committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola;

Was read the second time by its title and referred to committee on Corporations

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow sheriffs cost for advertising their sales in the public gazettes of this State;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act concerning roads and highways in this State;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others, who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians;

Was read the 2nd time and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the protection of heirs, minors and wards, against injustice in this State, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to amend an Act to authorize the appointment of Measurers and Inspectors, and for other purposes;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of James McCormick;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to define and punish slander;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to punish breaches of trust by telegraph operators;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to empower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with, and to plead and be impleaded;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act defining who shall be competent witnesses, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow;

A bill to be entitled an Act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reoding on to-morrow:

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for an issue of Treasury notes;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Major General Benjamin Hopkins;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for holding the terms of the Supreme Court at the seat of government;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish a term of the Supreme Court in the Suwannee Circuit;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau county in certain cases;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Resolution to draw a complete financial system for the State of Florida;

Was read the second time, and on motion, laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an Act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

Was read the second time and substitute reported by commtitee adopted, and 80 copies of the same ordered to be printed.

Resolution relating to the boundary line between Florida and Georgia;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City;

Was read the second time and 80 copies of the bill ordered to be printed.

House resolution in regard to the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts;

Was read and concurred in.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until 5 minutes before 4 o'clock.

FIVE MINUTES BEFORE FOUR O'CLOCK P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Davidson and Bowers were appointed to inform the House that the Senate was now ready to go into the election of Attorney General and Comptrolldr of Public Accounts, who retired and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

A committee from the Hause appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House was now ready to go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accoun's.

On motion, the Senate repaired to the Representative Hall.

At the request of the Speaker of the House the President of the Senate took the Chair.

The President stated the object of the meeting.

The election of Attorney General being first in order, Mr. Pooser nominated Thos. T. Long, Esq.;

Mr. Holland of Hernando, nominated John B. Galbraith, Esq.;

The vote was:

For GALBRAITH—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—7. House—21. Total—28.

For LONG—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—7. House—17. Total—24.

Blank—Mr. President and Mr. Davidson—2. House—1. Total—3.

The President declared that neither candidate having received a constitutional majority, there was no election.

The name of Thos. T. Long, Esq., was withdrawn.

The joint meeting then proceeded to another ballot;

The vote was:

For GALBRAITH—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee and Walker—7. House—25. Total—32.

For LONG—Messrs. Call, McCall and Simkins—3. House—4. Total—7.

Blank—Messrs. Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, McQueen, Rogers and Watlington—7. House—10. Total—17.

There not being a constitutional majority for any one candidate, the President declared there was no election.

Nominations being still in order, the names of D. P. Hogue, W. G. M. Davis and M. D. Papy were put in uomination.

The joint meeting then proceeded to another ballot;

The vote was:

For GALBRAITH—Messrs. Brokaw, Cal, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Rogers and Walker—7. House—30. Total—37.

For PAPY—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Davidson, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—6. House—1. Total—7.

For DAVIS—Messrs. Chain and McCall—2. House—5. Total—7.

For LONG—Messrs. Dawkins and Ingram—2. House 6. Total—8.

Mr. John B. Galbraith having received the requisite and constitutional majority, the President declared him elected Attorney General for the State of Florida for four years from the 25th day of July, 1861.

On motion, the joint Assembly proceeded to ballot for Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The President declared nominations in order;

The names of R. C. Williams, L. G. Pyles and Wm. H. Scott were placed in nomination;

The vote was:

For WILLIAMS—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—6. House—21. Total—27.

For PYLES—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—9. House—17. Total—26.

For SCOTT—Mr. Finlayson—1. House—1. Total—2.

Blank—Messrs. Bowers and Davidson—2.

Neither candidate having received a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

The joint assembly then proceeded to another ballot;

The vote was:

For WILLIAMS—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—6. House—20. Total—26.

For PYLES—Messrs. Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—7. House—18. Total—25.

For SCOTT—Mr. President, Messrs. Call and Finlayson—3. House—2. Total—5.

Blank—Messrs. Bowers and Davidson—2.

Neither candidate having received a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

The joint assembly then proceeded to another ballot.

The names of E. L. T. Blake, Lucien S. Duval, John Beard, and Jas. D. Westcott, were put in nomination.

The vote was:

For Williams—Messrs. Brokaw Jones, Magbee and Watlington—4. House—19. Total—23.

For Pyles—Messrs. Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, Rogers and Simkins—6. House—17. Total—23.

Mr. Scott—Mr. President, Mr. Finlayson—2. House—1. Total—3.

For Duval—Messrs. Call, McQueen and Walker—3. House—0. Total—3.

For Blake—Mr. Bowers—1. House—0. Total—1.

For Beard—Mr. Baldwin—1. House—1. Total—2.

For Wetscott—House—1.

Blank—Mr. Davidson—1.

Neither candidate receiving a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

The joint assembly then proceed to another ballot;

The vote was:

For Williams—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—6. House—18. Total—24.

For Pyles—Messrs. Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—7. House—16. Total—23.

For Scott—Mr. Finlayson—1. House—3. Total—4.

For Westcott—Mr. Call—1. House—2. Total—3.

For Blank—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers and Davidson—3.

Neither candidate receiving the constitutional majority the President declared there was no election.

The joint Assembly then proceeded to another ballot.

The vote was:

For Williams—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—6. House 18. Total—24.

For Pyles—Mr. President, Messrs. Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rodgers and Simkins—2. House—19 Total—26.

For Scott—Messrs, Bowers, Call and Finlayson—3. House—2 Total—5.

For Westcott—House—1.

For Blank—Mr. Davidson—1.

No candidate receiving a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

The joint Assembly then proceeded to another ballot.

The vote was:

For Williams—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—6. House6—19. Total—25.

For Pyles—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram,

McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—9. House—18. Total —27.

For Scott—Mr. Finlayson—1. House—2. Total—3.

For Westcott—House—1.

For Blank—Mr. Davidson—1.

No candidate receiving a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

The name of Boling B. Baker was put in nomination.

The joint Assembly then proceeded to another ballot.

The vote was :

For Williams—Mr. Brokaw, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—5. House—17. Total—22.

For Pyles—Messrs. Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rodgers and Simkins—6. House—17. Total—23.

For Scott—Mr. Finlayson—1. House—2. Total—3.

For Baker—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain and Davidson—5. House—2. Total—7.

For Westcott—House—1.

No candidate receiving a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

The name of Jas. D. Westcott was withdrawn.

The joint Assembly then proceeded to another ballot;

The vote was :

For Williams—Messrs. Brokaw, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—5. House—18. Total—23.

For Pyles—Messrs. Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—7. House—19. Total—26.

For Scott—Mr. Finlayson—1. House—2. Total—3.

For Baker—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call and Davidson —4. House—1. Total—5.

No candidate receiving a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

The name of Wm. H. Scott was withdrawn.

The joint assembly then proceed to another ballot;

The vote was :

For Williams—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—7. House—19. Total—26.

For Pyles—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen and Simkins—7. House—20. Total—27.

For Baker—Mr. President and Mr. Davidson—2. House 1. Total—3.

No candidate receiving a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

The joint Assembly then proceeded to another ballot;

The vote was :

For Williams—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—7. House—20. Total—27.

For Pyles—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen and Simpkins—8. House—18. Total—26.

For Baker—Mr. Davidson—1. House—1. Total—2.

Neither candidate having received a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

The name of B. B. Baker was withdrawn.

The joint Assembly proceeded to another ballot;

The vote was:

For Williams—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—7. House—22. Total—29.

For Pyles—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen and Simkins—8. House—18. Total—26.

Neither candidate having received a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

The joint Assembly then proceeded to another ballot;

The vote was:

For Williams—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—7. House—21. Total—28.

For Pyles—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen and Simkins—8. House—19. Total—27.

Neither candidate receiving a constitutional majority, the President declared there was no election.

On motion the joint Assembly adjourned.

The Senate proceeded to the Senate Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Call the Senate adjourned until half-past ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

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FRIDAY, January 25, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings were dispensed with and amended.

On motion of Mr. Brokaw, Mr. Walker was excused from attendance in the Senate until Tuesday next.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on a future day introduce the the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an Act to increase the taxes;

A bill to be entitled an Act to reduce the costs of criminal proceedings, and the pay of jurors and State witnesses; and

A bill to be entitled an Act requiring railroad companies to maintain proper road-crossings and cattle guards.

Mr. Call, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act declatory of the sense of the General Assembly as to the grant of lands to aid in the construction of the different railroads in this State.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Davidson moved that the resolution in relation to adjournment be placed first among the orders of the day;

Which was adopted.

Mr. McCall moved that the Constitution be so amended that the Capitol of the State of Florida be removed from Tallahassee to Lake City;

Which was adopted.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 24, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

Sir: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills viz.:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the pleading and practice in the courts of this State;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize William J. J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zipperee to establish a toll bridge across the Suwannee and Alapha rivers;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Maria delos Dolores Justiana, and Maria Isabel Justiana;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company in relation to election of directors;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Satrenes Remerez and others, inhabitants ot the county of Escambia;

A bill to be entitled an Act to charter the Southern Export and and Import Company;

A bill to be entitled an Act to allow A. I. Baker, of the county of Volusia, to practice medicine in said county;

A Senate bill to be entitled an Act in relation to the common school fund of Santa Rosa county; and

A House bill to be entitled an Act to declare Peas Creek a navigable stream.

Respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Sentate bills ordered to be enrolled and House bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Jones from the committee on Elections made the following report:

Tne committee on Elections to whom was referred A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections, having had the same under consideration, instructed me to

REPORT

In favor of the bill and recommend its passage, the same being highly needed as an amendment of the election laws of this State.

W. B. JONES,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act regulating Pilots and Pilotage of the bay of Pensacola.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman.

Mr. Dawkins from the committee on Internal Improvements made the following report:

The committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred the bill entitled an Act to improve the navigation of Chipola river and other purposes, have examined the same andd recommend its passage.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read, and the bill placed among he orders of the day.

Mr. Baldwin from the committee on Claims and Accounts made the following report:

The committee on Claims and Accounts,to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county,

REPORT

That they have had the same under consideration and find the claim a just one and recommend its passage.

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad Company,

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the passage of said bill with amendments.

All of which are herewith respectfully submitted.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chairman.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to establish a bank on behalf of, and for the benefit of the State of Florida, having had the same under consideration, instructed me to

REPORT:

That there was no evidence before the Committee that the three months previous notice, required by the constitution, was ever given, and understanding that the Convention, just adjourned, had been applied to for an amendment in that particular, so as to enable the present General Assembly to pass said bill, which was refused by the Convention, believing that the issue of Treasury notes would answer the object better; and although the committee are of opinio- that such a bank established for the State would be of great benefit

to the State and the public, yet they are, at the same time, of opinion that the General Assembly cannot pass the bill without a violation of the constitution, unless the three months previous notice had first been given.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to establish a Bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to

REPORT

The same with amendments made thereto, and recommend the passage of the bill.

Your Committee would suggest the propriety of the General Assembly, that while it is its duty to give a just and healthy circulating medium to the people of the State, at the same time to be cautious not to create too many banking institutions, the result of which might lead to the unfortunate result of either flooding the country with unredeemable paper currency, or so curtail the business of the banks, to such narrow limits, as to make the capital worthless.

JAMES T. MAGBEE.
Chairman.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Chain gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, William J. Keyser, and other owners of wharf property at Milton, in Santa Rosa county, to establish and charge rates of wharfage.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolution in relation to adjournment;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Davidson and Bowers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Jones, Magbee, Rogers and Simkins—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, McQueen and Walker—8.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Baldwin moved that the resolution be laid upon the table until Wednesday next.

Which was adoptedi

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to strike out the second section;

Which was lost.

Mr. Finlayson moved to strike ont "ten cents" and insert "five cents;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Ingram and Walker;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bowers, Call and Finlayson—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Walker —12.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to amend as follows: in the fourth line of the first section, after the word "that," insert the words "at the hour of noon;" in the same line, after the word "election," insert the words "exclusive of the day on which said election is held." In the fifth line of the same section, after the word "Dade" insert "Brevard."

Which were adopted.

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend as follows: Strike out "with" after the word "exhausted," in the seventh line of first section.

Which was adopted.

The bill then as amended was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee, at Tallahassee;

Was read the second time and 80 copies of the bill was ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

The rules being waived, Mr. Ingram from the committee on engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide a remedy to inforce the lien of ship-wrights, ship-chandlers and others against ships, vessels, steamboats or other water crafts;

A bill to be entitled an Act relating to foreign guardians;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an Act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases, in the Western Judicial Circuit;

A bill to be entitled an Act to increase the compensation of the Solicitors of this State;

A bill to be entitled an Act providing for a stay of executions;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others;

A bill to be entitled an Act for the defence of certain Sea Ports;

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an Act to protect occupants or settlers upon the public lands of the State of Florida in their possessions of, and to their improvements thereon;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of Measurers and Inspectors and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Jas. McCormick;

A bill to be entitled an act concerning roads and highways in this State; and

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chm'n Com. on Engrossed bills.

Which report was read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an Act to establish a bank in behalf of and for the benefit of the State of Florida;

Was read the second time by its title, and on motion, the bill was laid on the table.

A bill be entitled an Act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine & Indian river Railroad Company;

Was read the second time by its title, amendments reported by committee adopted, and 80 copies of the bill as amended ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an Act to improve the navigation of Chipola river, and other purposes;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Call moved to refer the bill for the relief of E. M. West back to the committee on Claims and Accounts, with instructions for them to report the amount claimed by said E. M. West for costs due him, and the amount of fines and penalties assessed and collected in the course of said proceedings.

Mr. Baldwin moved as a substitute that the bill be referred to the committee on Militia;

Which was lost.

Mr. Dawkins moved to substitute the committee on Judiciary in lieu of committee on Claims and Accounts;

Which was lost.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Call;

Which was adopted, and the bill recommitted to committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of the banks of this State and for other purposes;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Magbee moved that the word "of" in the fourth line of the third section be striken out, and the words "put in circulation by" be inserted.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend section four in the third line by inserting after the words other than their own, the words "except by consent of the person or persons to whom such bill or bills may be offered."

Mr. Call moved a question of order.

The Chair decided the amendment offered by Mr. Dawkins was in order, from which decision Mr. Call appealed.

The House sustained the decision of the Chair. The question then recurred upon the amendment as offered by Mr. Dawkins.

Which was lost.

Mr. Eppes moved as an amendment the following additional section.

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the several banks of this State, and the agencies of foreign banks in this State be and they are hereby authorized to suspend specie payment; and all penalties or interest heretofore provided by law upon their refusal to pay specie on demand of any bill holder of the notes of any of said banks, be and the same are hereby suspended until the first day of January, A. D. 1862.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs Call and Eppes.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones and Walker—7.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen and Watlington—6.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Davsdson moved to amend the section just adopted by inserting between the words "banks" and "be" the words "hereafter to be issued."

Which was lost.

Mr. Call moved that the bill be in indefinitely postponed.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Baldwin and Magbee:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Walker and Watlington—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, and Jones—6.

So said bill was indefinitely postponed.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an Act to chnge the time of holding the Circuit Court of the Middle Circuit of Florida.

Which bill was received and placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Joseph Alzerotte;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to strike out the second section.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bowers, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen and Watlington—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain, Magbee and Walker—6.

So the second section was striken out.

The bill as amended was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act relating to the duties of school commissioners and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and referred to committe on Schools and Colleges.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of James D. Smith;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to compel the regular attendance of witnesses.

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the county commissioners of Washington County to establish a ferry across Holmes Creek;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Light Company;

Was read the second time by its title and referred to committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine to be located at St. Augustine, Fla;

Was read the second time by its title and referred to the committee on Schools and Colleges.

House bill entitled an Act permanently to locate the county site of Volusia county;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an Act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, former Sheriff and Tax Collector of Putnam county;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Donald Cameron Justice of the Peace of Leon County;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitl ed an Act to extend the jurisdiction of Justice's of the Peace and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an Act to relieve the Town Council of the Town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said Town, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county from Hewitt's Bluff to that of Gay Hill, and for other purposes therein expressed;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Ac tto amend the law of this State in relation to Coroners and Juries of Inquest;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to strike out all after the enacting clause;

Which motion was lost.

On motion, the bill was referred to a select committeec onsisting of Messrs. Chain Baldwin and Magbee.

On motion of Mr. Davidson, the rules were waived, and the House bill entitled an Act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts of the Middle Circuit of Florida, was taken up and read a first and second time by its title, and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Finlayson and Walker.

On motion the Senate adjourned until half-past ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, January 26, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The journals of yesterday were amended and approved, and on motion, the reading of the same was dispensed with.

Mr. Chain gave notice that he should after to day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to provide for the obtaining of the record books and dockets required by law for the Clerks of the Circuit Courts offices of this State and for other purposes.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Chain asked leave, which was granted, to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an Act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, William J. Keyser and owners of wharf property at Milton in Santa Rosa county, to establish rates of wharfage;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee moved that a standing committee of five on Ways and Means be appointed;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call moved that when the Senate adjourn to-day it adjourn until Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call moved that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to ascertain from the Secretary of the Convention whether he has transmitted all of the ordinances of the Convention to the Senate, and if not to obtain from said Secretary the remaining ordinances forthwith;

Which was adopted.

The following message was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, January 25, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR: I herewith enclose a statement of the condition of the bank of Fernandina on the first day of January, A. D. 1861, made by the cashier thereof.

A press of business prevented my submitting it to the General Assembly at an earlier date.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which statement was ordered to be spread upon the journal.

Statement of the Bank of Fernandina, January 1, 1861.

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	$95,540 00	
Circulation,	33,100 00	
Due to other banks,	39 76	
Profits,	3,359 22	
Due to depositers,	16,388 57	$148,427 55

ASSETS.

Specie, bills of specie paying banks, and deposits in specie paying banks,	$ 31,842 79	
Due by other banks,	352 06	
Bills of other banks,	1,226 22	
Bills receivable,	109,462 02	
Due from individuals,	3,934 34	
Suspence account,	1,610 12	$148,427 55

A. W. COLE,
President.

JOHN HODGES
Cashier.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 25, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed the following bills viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Big Spring creek in Jackson county, to Spring river;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to that of Nepcy Cheshire;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Thomas J. Danford to Thomas Jefferson Cook, and for other purposes;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the Express business;

House bill to be entitled an act to permit Erasmus Thompson of Hillsborough county, to practice law in the several counties of this State;

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of Probate and county commissioners of New River county to draw and select Grand Jurors; and

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws in force in this State.

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Very respectfully,

Which was read and House bills placed among the orders of the day and Senate bills ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on renrolled bills made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to common school fund of Santa Rosa county.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee river, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to

REPORT

The act of 1845, Thompson's Digest, page 147, chapter 2, section 1, part 1, gives the power to the Board of county Commissioners, in the several counties of the State, of establishing ferries within the limits of their jurisdiction, but in as much as the Withlacoochee river is the dividing line between the counties of Levy and Hernando, doubts may arise as to which county the power to establish this ferry properly belongs, and as the act aforesaid does not deprive the General Assembly of the right of establishing ferries, the bill is reported back to the Senate, and its passage recommended.

JAMES T. MAGAEE,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the select committee, made the following report:

A majority of the select committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act concerning pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys,

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration, and find that the act only applies to that port. It is deemed by a majority of the committee that a people situated as those at Cedar Keys, would not ask for any law to be passed that would effect commerce, as their in-

terest is greatly depending thereon. We are therefore of opinion that the passage of the bill under consideration will benefit the people of Cedar Keys, and also those who are engaged in exporting and importing at that place. The undersigned, a majority of the committee, return to the Senate said bill, and respectfully ask that the same do pass without amendment.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.
JAS. W. McQUEEN.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Watlington, from the Select Committee, made the following report:

The undersigned, of the Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act concerning Pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys,

REPORT

The following amendments to said bill, to-wit:

In the tenth line, section three, after the word "have," insert "one-half," and in the sixteenth line, same section, strike out all after the word "shall," and insert "not be compelled to pay pilotage." In section four, between the words "bound" and "such," strike out and insert "having taken a duly authorized pilot in." Also add section 7 as follows:

Be it further enacted, That all vessels carrying the mails along the coast of Florida, propelled either by steam or sails, when compelled by law to carry a pilot, such mail vessel shall not be bound to take a pilot, nor pay the fees required by this act.

After the foregoing amendments the undersigned most respectfully recommend that the provisions of said bill be made a general law for all the ports of the State, all of which is by the undersigned respectfully submitted.

F. WATLINGTON,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

The special committee made the following report:

The special committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State in relation to coroners and juries of inquest, had had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT

That by adding to the bill the three additional sections, Nos. 5, 6,

and 7, recommend the passage of the bill with the said additional sections.

JOHN CHAIN,
JAS. T. MAGBEE,
A. S. BALDWIN,
} Committee.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

The special committee made the following report:

The Special committee to whom was referred the petition of Josiah Q. Guild and twenty-six others, citizens of Santa Rosa county, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to

REPORT:

That they have examined the said petition carefully, and from the reputed character of the petitioners, believe that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, therefore ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Ellis W. Hawkins, of Santa Rosa county, and recommend its passage.

JOHN CHAIN,
D. C. DAWKINS.
} Committee.

Which report was received, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee river;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State in relation to coroners and jurors of inquest;

Was read the second time and amendments reported by Select committee adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Baldwin from committee on schools and Colleges allowed to make the following report:

The committee on Schools and Colleges, to which was referred a bill to be entitled an oct to incorporate the College of St. Augustine to be located at St. Augustine,

REPORT:

That the bill is an ordinary charter for a college in which is to be taught the usual branches of education at such an institution, and

the body of corporators or trustees, are to hold real estate only, from the purposes of the Institution hence your committee have authorized me to recommend its passage.

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman.

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Ellis W. Hawkins, of Santa Rosa county :

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine to be located at St. Augustine ;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to entitled an act to incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola ;

Was read a second time and referred to committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina ;

Was read the second, amendmendments reported by the committee adopted.

Mr. Call moved the following additional sections :

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever any person who shall be sentenced to pay any fine by the Mayor and Council of said town, or either of them, shall refuse to pay the same, it shall and may be lawful for said Mayor to compel the said person to work upon the public streets of said town for a time sufficient to pay the said fine and costs at the rate of one dollar per day : *Provided*, however, no charge shall be made against said criminal for board during the time the said work is being performed.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Mayor and Council shall also have power by ordinance to prevent any vessel from landing any pauper within the limits of said town, and when any pauper shall be so landed or shall come within the limits of said town the said Mayor or Council may provide for the prompt removal and punishment in case of their return or refusal to go.

SEC. 6. *Be it further enacted*, That so much of the proviso to the twenty-sixth section of the charter of said city of Fernandina as limits the tax upon real and personal estate to fifty cents on the one hundred dollars, shall not be held or deemed to apply to any special tax levied on the owner of any lot for the purpose of improving the streets and side-walks adjoining the same.

Which were adopted.

The bill then as amended was ordered to be engrossed for a third readng on Monday.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Campbellton, Jackson county;

Was read the second time by its title, rule waived and read a third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an act to amend the school laws of Columbia, Suwannee, New River, Lafayette, Nassau and Sumpter counties;

Was read the second time. On motion the fifth section of the bill was striken out. The bill was ordered for a third reading on Monday.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed Senate bill entitled an act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, the rules were waived, amendments read and concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. D. Rogero, sheriff of St. Johns county;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

House bill to be entitled an act to allow Matthew McKinney to assume the management of his own estate;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

House bill entitled an Act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklocknee river for the purpose of erecting a mill;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

House bill entitled an act to re-organize the county of Brevard and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

House bill entitled an act to amend the acts creating liens in favor of builders, material men, mechanics laborers and others;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

House bill entitled an act to repeal an act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on

Monday.

House bill entitled an act authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to furnish the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia county with a seal of office;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

House bill entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Mobile Railroad and manufacturing company;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12, 1849:

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Taxation and Revenue.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance company;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an act defining who shall be competent witnesses and for other purppses;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with, and to plead and be impleaded;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for an issue of Treasury notes;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee of Ways and Means.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Gen. Benjamin Hopkins;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and Bowers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain, Magbee and Rogers—4.

So said motion was adopted, and the bill referred to committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for holding the terms of the Supreme Court at the seat of government;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Magbee moved that the bill be passed over informally;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Call;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins and Magbee—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Jones, McQueen and Simkins—9.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the bill lie on the table until Tuesday next;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Dawkins and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins and Magbee—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Jones, McQueen and Simkins—9.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Magbee moved to amend by adding the following additional section:

Sec. . *Be it further enacted*, That the salary of said Judges shall be decreased to twenty-one hundred dollars per annum.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Dawkins and Magbee—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—10.

So said amendment was lost.

Mr. Magbee moved to amend by adding the following additional section:

Sec. . *Be it further enacted*, That the salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court shall be two thousand dollars.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas Messrs. Dawkins, Finlayson, Magbee and McQueen—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Davidson, Jones, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—9.

So said amendment was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Davidson from the Select committee allowed to make the following report:

The Select committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to change the times of holding the Circuit Courts in the Middle Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, report a substitute for said bill, and recommend the passage of said substitne.

R. H. M. DAVIDSON, Chairman,
JNO. FINLAYSON.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

House bill entitled an act to change the times of holding the Circuit Courts in the Middle Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida;

Was read the second time, substitute reported by Select committee adopted, rule waived, read the third time by its title, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, and Simkins—12

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Finlayson and Jones were appointed to convey said bill and substitute to the House and inform that body of the action of the Senate thereon. Said committee retired and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed said duty and were discharged.

On motian the rules were waived, and Mr. Dawkins moved that the Senator from Alachua be excused from attendance on the Senate until Wednesday next;

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a term of the Supreme Court in the Suwannee Circuit;

Was read the second time and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Chain, Call and Watlington.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the of the Florida volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminoles;

The bill was received and placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the act governing the county commissioners of Nassau county in certain cases;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to entitled an act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed;

Was read a second time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Resolution relating to the Florida and Georgia Boundary line;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

Resolution relative to the price of the public lands in this State;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Jones, Magbee, McQueen and Rogers—9.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson and Finlayson—2.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an act to authorize William J. J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zippera to establish a toll bridge across the Suwannee and Alapaha rivers;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

House bill for the relief of Maria de los Dolores Justimani and Maria Isabel Justimani;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

House bill entitled an act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad company in relation to the election of directors;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Satrene Ramerez and others, inhabitants of the county of Escambia;

Was read the first time, and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

House bill to be entitled an act to allow A. J. Baker, of the county of Volusia, to practice medicine in said county;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

House bill to be entitled an act to declare Peas Creek a navigable stream;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

House bill entitled an act to amend the pleading and practice in the Courts of this State;

Was read a first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

Engrossed bill entitled an act to provide a remedy to enforce the lien of ship-wrights, ship-chandlers and others, against ships, vessels, steamboats, or other water crafts;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The Chair announced the following standing committee on Ways and Means, in pursuance to resolution adopted this morning, viz:—Messrs. Magbee, Finlayson, Dawkins, Call and Watlington.

On motion the Senate adjourned until Monday, three o'clock, P. M.

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MONDAY, January 28, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of the journal of Saturday's proceedings was dispensed with, amended and approved.

Mr. Dawkins gave notice that he would on a subsequent day ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning elections; and

A bill to be entitled an act requiring Judges of Circuit Courts to set specific days for the trial of causes wherein three or more witnesses are subpœnaed.

Mr. Jones gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the common school fund in the counties of Washington and Holmes.

Mr. Magbee moved that the rules be waived to allow him to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county commissioners of Hillsboro' county to borrow money;

Which was adopted, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call moved that the vote ordering the bill to make permanent the terms of the Supreme Court at the seat of Government, to be engrossed for a third reading on to-day, be reconsidered;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future ask leave to introduce the following bill;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Holstead R. Hoeg.

Mr. Call, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to increase taxes;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws; and

A bill to be entitled an act requiring railroad companies to maintain proper cattle guard, and railroad crossings;

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Chain asked leave, which was granted him, to introduce the following bill, of which he had previously given notice:

A bill to be entitler an act to provide for the obtaining of the record books and dockets, required by law for the clerks of the Circuit Courts offices of this State, and for other purposes;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 26th, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES:

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bills viz:

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Walton county, relative to the school fund;

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning replevin;

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others, as amended;

Senate bill to be entitled an act restoring Josiah Bird, of Hamilton county, to the right of suffrage, and other privileges;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to facilitate criminal proceedings;

House bill to be entitled an act to locate the county site of Levy county;

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Building and Saving Association;

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of T. C. Bolling, administrator of R. A. Child, deceased; and

House bill to be entitled an act to organize Baker county.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, Senate bills ordered to be enrolled, and House bills placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESETATIVES,
January 28th, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

Sir: The House has passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Martha Anne Barnes to that of Martha Harriet McClelland;

House resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of George R. Clotfelter to George Washington Rosemond; (Lost in the House.)

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James C. McArthur, former Sheriff of Santa Rosa county; and

Senate bill to be entitled an act to repeal so much of the act approved January 7th, 1859, as consolidates the office of Tax Assessor and Collector and Sheriff of Wakulla county.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read, Senate bills ordered to be enrolled, and House bills placed among the orders of the day.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of the State Convention:

Tallahassee, Fla., Jan. 26, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

Sir: I herewith transmit to your body the ordinances passed in Convention, at the late session of the people's Convention, not heretofore transmitted to your body:

An ordinance providing for the organization of the army of Florida;

An ordinance construing certain clauses of the Constitution of this State;

An ordinance for the relief of certain persons in Calhoun and Franklin counties;

An ordinance continuing certain offices in this State;

An ordinance relating to a convention of slaveholding States;
An ordinance on Postal arrangements;
An ordinance abolishing certain offices; and
A resolution instructing the delegates to the slaveholding States' convention.

Very respectfully,
WILLIAM S. HARR'S
Secretary of the Convention.

Which was read.

Mr. Simkins, from the committee on enrolled bills, made the following report:

The committte on enrolled bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled;
A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Gen. Wm. E. Anderson, and others;
A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Thomas J. Danford to Thomas Jefferson Cook, and for other purposes;
A bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the express business; and
A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to that of Nepcy Cheshire.

Respectfully submitted,
E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas-light Company, have instructed me to report the bill back without amendment, and recommend its passage.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola, having had the same under consideration, have instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate without amendments, and recommend its passage.

JAMES T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to relieve the town council of the town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said town, and for other purposes, have instructed me to report the bill back without amendment, and ask that the same do pass.

JAS. T. MAGBEE, Chm'n.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee from the committee on Corporations made the following report:

The committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company, have instructed me to report said bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage with the following amendments, viz.: after the word Foster in ninth line of the third section add at Fernandina, under the superintendance of Joseph Finegan, Henry Temanas and James E. Brown, at Lake city, under the superintendance of Silas N. Niblack, James M. Baker and William W. McCall, at Gainsville, under the superintendance of Tillman Ingram, C. A. Ramsey and J. B. Dawkins, at Micanopy, under the superintendance of G. W. Means, W. Edwards and R. S. Stoughton, at Ocala, under the superintendance of S. St. George Rogers, Robt. Bullock and A. C. Brown, at Sumpterville, under the superintendance of D. G. Leigh, J. A. Lee and A. D. Johnson, at Brooksville, under the superintendance of Felix Simmons, M. C. Peterson and N. W. Holland, at Tampa, under the superintendance of S. B. Tood, William Cooly and John Darling. In the ninteenth and tweentieth line strike out the words in the city of Jacksonville, and insert of any paper published in the place when the books are opened, and if none, then in some other convenient paper, and in the twenty-third line of the same section strike out the words at the city of Jacksonville, at the time appointed by the commissioners for the purpose, and insert at the town of Baldwin. In the fourth section strtke out in the city of Jacksonville, and insert in East Florida, and section sixteen as follows:

Be it further enacted, That if in the opinion of the directors of the said railroad company a more eligible point for a departure of said railroad to the Georgia line can be found at any point on the Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central Railroad between Lake city and Baldwin, or on the Florida Railroad between Fernandina and Baldwin or Gainsville, having and keeping in view the most direct line from the Georgia line to the city of Tampa, in the county of Hil-

borough, the said directors shall convene a meeting of the stockholders of the said company giving thirty days notice thereof in some newspaper to be selected by them, and if at the said meeting the route selected by the majority of stockholders, the same shall be adopted as the route of the said railroad, but in that event any stockholder dissatisfied with the same may give notice of his dissent at any time within thirty days by filing a written notice of the fact with the President or Secretary of said company, which act shall entitle the said stockholder to have the amount paid by him on his stock refunded by said company and shall himself cease to be a stockholder therein. Also add—

Sec. 17. *Be it further enacted*, That the twetieth section of the act approved January the sixth (6th), 1855, entitled an act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of internal improvements in this State, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. MAGBEE,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Dawkins from the committee on Internal Improvements made the following report:

The committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred a pe ition from eighty-six citizens of Orange county, stating that after mature examination of Weekiver creek and Spring Run a branch of Weekiver, they believe that it would be of much importance and great utility to the counties of Orange, Brevard and Sumpter to clear out the channel of said stream, as they would consequently be made navigable for small sized steamers, thereby affording facilities for trade, and other advantages hitherto unknown in that locality.

The petitioners also state, that the cleaning out of said streams would reclaim thousands of acres of the finest corn and sugar lands in the State, known as swamp and overflowed lands, belonging both to the State by original right, and by the Internal Improvement grant. The petitioners ask that the Legislature grant alternate sections of State and Internal Improvement lands for three miles on either side of those streams to aid and facilitate their contemplated enterprise. Your committee conceiving a favorable opinion of the earnest and respectful application of the petitioners, and being impressed with the probable advantages which may result both to the citizens of those counties and to the State, have thought proper to present the following bill, and recommsnd its passage.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the Orders of the day.

Mr. McQueen from the committee on Engrossed bills, made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills and resolution as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina;

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Chipola river, and other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Alzerotte;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. James D. Smith;

A bill to be entitled an act to compel the regular attendance of witnesses;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State in relation to electled;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington county to establish a ferry across Holmes' creek;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county, from Hewitts Bluff, to that of Gay Hill, and for other purposes therkin expressed;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for holding the terms of the Supreme Court at she seat of government;

A bill to be entitled an Act to amend the Act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau county in certain cases;

Resolution relating to the Florida and Georgia boundary line;

A bill to be entitled an Act to impower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with, and to plead and be impleaded;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State in relation to coroners and juries of inquest; and

A bill to be entitled an Act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee river.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
of the committee.

Mr. Baldwin, from the commtttee on Claims and Accounts, made the following report:

The committee on Claims and Accounts to whom was referred the House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, &c.,

REPORT:

That there is nothing in this bill which require the action of your committee, and it is simply a request and order that the Comptroller

may audit and the Treasurer pay such accounts as the County Commissioners of Putnam county may declare that the said Baisden is justly entitled to the sum, your committee recommend its passage.

A. S. BALDWIN, Chairman.

Which was read and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Baldwin from the committee on Claims and Accounts made the following report:

The committee on Claims and Accounts to which was referred the bill for the relief of Maj. Gen. Benjamin Hopkins.

REPORT:

That they have examined as thoroughly as the time since the references made would permit, but as it would to embody into this report all the facts relating to this subject make the report too voluminous, your committee asks leave to refer the Senate to the journal of the proceedings of the Senate for the session of 1852–3, to the correspondence to be found on pages of said journal from 53 to 88 inclusive, from this correspondence it will be seen that Gen. Hopkins was called into service by the Governor of the State both as a special agent and Major General of the second division of Florida militia, various letters from individuals on the frontier urged upon the Governor the necessity of calling out a large force to protect the frontier against the attacks of lawless Indian bands, and the Governor of the State authorized the said Hopkins as Major General to call out such a force as in his judgment the circumstances required for full protection of white settlers upon the frontier, and he recommended the appointment of two staff officers to the Major General to wit: Arthur Ginn as Quarter Master and Dr. A. S. Speers as Surgeon. And it further appears to your committee, that an amount has been appropriated to the payment of the troops and officers called out at this time in which Gen. Hopkins has been paid a certain amount, and these officers, Ginn and Speer, have been allowed an amount proportionate to their rank with Gen. Hopkins, but subsequently an appropriation to the said Ginn and Speer has been made and paid to them as aids in the staff of Gen. Hopkins as a Major General, while the appropiation for a like pay has failed to Gen. Hopkins from various causes not here necessary to be mentioned. But from the corresponce to which the Senate is referred, and from the action since taken by the Legislature of this State in reference to staff officers, Ginn and Speer. Your committee can come to no other conclusion than that the claim of the said Hopkins is a just one and as he only asks for a balance due him, it is but a simple act of justice on the part of the General Assembly to authorize his claim

to be paid. Hence your committee urge this act of justice upon the Senate and recommend the passage of the bill under consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman.

Mr. Brokaw, from the committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following report:

The committee on Claims and Accounts to whom was referred back a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of E. M. West, a Justice of the Peace of Leon county, have had the same under consideration, ask leave to make the following

REPORT:

The committee find upon examination that the amount of fines assessed are $66.00, and the amount collected, $32.00, and the amount of E. M. West's bill for cost, $27.25; the committee think the claim just and correct, and recommend that the same be paid.

P. B. BROKAW, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Light Company;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Chain moved that not less than ten of whom, at least five, shall be residents of this State be inserted after the word associates;

Which was adopted, and the bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to relieve the Town Council of the Town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation, within the corporate limits of said Town, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company;

Was read the second time by its title, and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Maj. Gen. Benjamin Hopkins;

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to strike out all after the word services, and the words "and that the Paymaster General be authorized to pay the same out of the Military fund," be inserted;

Which was adopted, and the bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, former Sheriff and Tax Collector of Putnam county;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act relating to foreign Guardians;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Rogers and Simkins—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Finlayson and McQueen—4.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases in the Western Judicial Circuit;

Was read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Bowers, the rule was waived, and the bill placed back upon its second reading for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the compensation of the Solicitors of this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Finlayson and Rogers—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bowers, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—6.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for a stay of executions;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Magbee moved that the bill lie on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs, Rogers and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Rogers and Watlington—9.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain and Watlington—4.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—10.

So said bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others:

Mr. Rogers moved that the rule be waived to allow him to offer an amendment;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by striking out the third section;

Which was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was;

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Magbee and Watlington—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bowers, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act for the defence of certain seaports;

Was read the third time.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, the rule was waived, and he was allowed to offer the following amendment:

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by inserting the words "and no more," after the words "four hundred dollars;"

Which was lost.

Mr. Dawkins moved to strike out the 2d section;

Which was lost.

Mr. Call offered the following additional section:

Be it further enacted, That all expenditures heretofore made or liabilities incurred at either of said points since Jan. 1st, 1861, under pretence of fortifying the same be deducted from said $500;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Rogers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, McQueen and Watlington—6.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Jones, Magbee, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—8.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved that the bill providing for the defence of certain Seaport Towns be referred to the committee on the Militia, with instructions to report a bill regulating the expenditures on the sea board for fortifications;

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one millions of dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nay—Mr. Bowers—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to protect occupants or settlers upon the public lands of the State of Florida in the possessions of and to their improvements thereon;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning half past ten o'clock.

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TUESDAY, January 29, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of the minutes of yesterday's Journal were dispensed with—the Journal amended and approved.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the Senator from Walton be excused from further attendance on the Senate after to morrow.

Which was adopted.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Dawkins asked leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning elections; and

A bill to be entitled an act requiring Judges of Circuit Courts to set specific days for the trial of causes wherein three or more witnesses are subpœned.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Call introduced the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Halstead H. Hoeg and assignee;

A bill to be entitled an act to reduce the costs of criminal prosecutions; and

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties.

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would at some future day introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of those States which have passed supension and stay laws from collecting debts in Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act granting to the State the right of appeal and pre-emptory challenges in criminal cases;

A bill to be entitled an act granting compensation to the several solicitors in civil suits on behalf of the State; and

A bill to be entitled an act providing for a jury fee in the Circuit Courts.

Mr. Magbee from the committee on Incorporations made the following report:

The committee on Incorporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola, have instructed me to report the bill back and recommend its passage with the ammendments accompanying the bill.

JAS. T. MAGBEE,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee from the committee ou Incorporations made the following report:

The committee on Incorporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Mutual, Fire and Ma-

rine Insurance Company, have instructed me to report said bill back to the Senate with amendments, which with the bill is respectfully submitted.

JAS. T. MAGBEE,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McQueen from the committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed Bills ask leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine, to be located at St. Augustine;

A bill to be entitled an act to relieve the town Council of the town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said town and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance company of Pensacola;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Light Company;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Maj. Gen. Benjamin Hopkins; and

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman.

Which report was read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

The Special committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to establish a term of the Supreme Court in the Suwannee Circuit, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to report the accompanying bill in lieu of the original one, and ask that the same do pass.

JOHN CHAIN,
GEO. W. CALL,
F. WATLINGTON,
} Committee.

Which report was receivd and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola;

Was read the seeond time, amendments reported by committee adopted, and bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

Was read the second time, amendments reported by committee adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court;

Was read the second time, substitute reported by committee adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company;

Was taken up, amendments made by the House concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Rogers the rules were waived, and he was allowed to introduce, according to previous notice, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the admission of Attorneys;

Rules waived, and the bill read first and second time by its title, and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Engrossed bill entitled an act to amennd an act entitled an act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of measurers and inspectors, and for other purposes;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill entitled an act for the relief of James McCormick;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call Chain, Dawkins, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington —12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill entitled an act concerning roads and highways in St. John's county in this State;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—none,

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish Notary fees;

Was read a second time, and on motion of Mr. Call, the printed bill was adopted as substitute for the original, amendments as reported adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws in force in this State;

Was read the first time and ordered for second reading on tomorrow.

House bill entitled an act to permit Erasmus Thompson, of Hillsboro county, to practice law in the several Courts of this State;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

House bill entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

A bill to be entitled an act declaratory of the sense of the General Assembly as to the grant of lands to aid in the construction of the different Railroads in this State;

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an act concerning pilotage of the port of Cedar Keys;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, Wm. J. Keyser, and other owners of wharf property at Milton, in Santa Rosa county, to establish and charge rates of wharfage;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act defining the condition of free negroes and other persons of color in this State;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Dawkins moved to strike out all after the enacting clause of the first section.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Rogers and Magbee.

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones and Walker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—5.

So said motion was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Dawkins the vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Dawkins moved to strike out the words "one-eight"

Which was adopted.

M. Dawkins moved to insert the words "one fourth."

Which was adopted,

Mr. Call moved that the blank be filled by adding 10th Februrary, 1832.

Mr. Rogers moved that the bill be passed over informally until to-morrow.

Mr. Call moved that a committee of three be appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the House to confer with the Governor and report whether the public interests will require the General Assembly to remain in session longer than Monday the fonrth of February.

Which was adopted and Messrs. Call, Finlayson and Bowers were appointed as said committee.

The rules being waived, Mr. Finlayson from the committee on Taxation and Revenue made the following report:

The committee on Taxation and Revenue, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved Janasy 12th, 1849, report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage.

JNO. FINLAYSON,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Finlayson moved that the rules be waved in order to allow him to make a motion; which was agreed to

Mr. Finlayson moved that he be allowed without previous notice to introduce a bill to be entitled an act combining the offices of sheriff and tax assessors of Jeffer on county.

Which was adopted

Mr. Finlayson moved that the rule be waived, that said bill be read a first and second time by its title; which was granted, and the same then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of of Lake city;

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Magbee, referred to committee on Corporations.

House bill to be entitled an act to locate permanently the county site of Volusia county;

Which was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins Walker and Watlington —13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Big Spring Creek in Jackson county to Spring river;

On motion of Mr. Dawkins, the rules were waived, and bill read a second and third time by its title and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McCall moved to waive the rules so that he could make a motion to withdraw the bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City from the committee on Corporations and have it referred to a select committee;

Which was adopted, and Messrs. McCall, Brokaw and Baldwin appointed as said committee.

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Ellis W. Hawkins, of Santa Rosa county;

Was read the second time:

Mr. Magbee moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Davidson, Finlayson, McQueen, Simkins and Walker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McCall and Watlington—8.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

House bill entitled an act to amend the school laws of Columbia, Suwannee, New River, La Fayette, Nassau and Sumpter counties;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas–Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Walker —13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an act for the relief of A. D. Rogero Sheriff of St. Johns county;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simpkins, Walker and Watlington—15.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an act to allow Matthew L. McKinnon to assume the management of his own estate;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw and Walker—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklocknee river for the purpose of erecting a mill;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Walker—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Davidson, Finlayson, McCall and Watlington—7.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an act to reorganize the county of Brevard and for other purposes;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—15.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an act to amend the acts creating liens in favor of builders, material men, mechanics, laborers and others;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—15.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an act to repeal an act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Simkins—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an act authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to furnish the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia county with a seal of office;

Was read the third and put upon its passage ;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—15.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporata the Commercial Bank of Lake City ;

Was read the second time by its title and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. McCall, Brokaw and Baldwin.

House bill entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Mobile Railroad and Manufacturing company ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—15.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatizes.

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize William J. J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zippera to establish a toll bridge across the Suwannee and Alapaha rivers;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

House bill entitled an act for the relief of Maria de los Dolores Justimani and Maria Isabel Justimani;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

House bill entitled an act to amend the charter of of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company in relation to election of Directors;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Internal Improvements.

House bill entitled an act for the relief of Satrene Ramirez, and others, inhabitants of the county of Escambia ;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

House bill entitled an act to allow A. J. Baker of the county of Volusia to practice medicine in said county;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the Pleading and Practice in the Courts of this State;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hillsborough county to borrow money;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring Railroad Companies to maintain proper cattle guards and Railroad crossings;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the taxes;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the obtaining of the record books and dockets required by law for the Clerks of the Circuit Court offices of this State, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an Act for the relief of Walton county, relative to the school fund;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an act to locate the county site of Levy county;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Building and Saving Association:

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an act for the relief of T. C. Bolling, administrator of R. A. Child, deceased;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an act to organize Baker county;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-moraow.

House resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on tomorrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Weekiver creek and Clay Spring river, and reclaim the swamp and over flowed lands on said streams;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Baldwin offered the following amendment:

Provided that in the opinion of the Trustees that said improvewill effect the valuation of said lands.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and Rogers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Brokaw, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Walker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Call and Chain—2.

So said amendment was adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for holding the terms of the Supreme Court at the seat of Government;

Was read the third time, and on motion laid on the table until Thursday next.

On motion the Senate took a recess until 3½ o'clock.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

A bill to be entitled an act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau county in certain cases;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Walker and Watlington—11.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Resolution relating to the Florida and Georgia boundary line:

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, *Mc*Call, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to impower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with, and to plead and be impleaded;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was;

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall and Watlington—12,

Nay—Mr. Walker—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State in relation to coroners and juries of inquest;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—11.

Nays—Messrs. Call and McCall—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee river;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin Bowers, Call Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Chipola river and other purposes;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bowers, Call Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McCall, Walker and Watlington—11.

Nay—Mr. Baldwin—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwn, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, Walker and Watlington—12.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Alzerotte;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated,

Ordered that the same be be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. James D. Smith;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall and Watlington—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Davidson and Walker—4.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled act to compel the regular attendance of witnesses;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bowers, Call, Chain, Jones, Magbee and McCall—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson and Walker—6.

So said bill was lost.

A bill to be entiled act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county from Hewitt's Bluff to that of Gay Hill, and for other purposes therein expressed;

Was read a third time and put upon its passsage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall and Walker—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington county to establish a ferry across Holmes creek;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall and Walker—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, former Sheriff and Tax Collector of Putnam county;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall and Walker—12.

Nays—none-

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives·

A bill to entitled an act to provide for the payment of costs by Piaintiffs in certain cases in the Western Judicial Circuit;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Dawkins offered a substitute, which was adopted in lieu of the original.

Mr. Call moved to amend the substitute by adding the words "or Suwannee Circuit;"

Which was adopted.

The bill was then passed over informally, to come up on a second reading to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee;

Was read by its title, amendments as reported by committee read and adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Dawkins moved to waive the rules to permit him to make a motion;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Dawkins then moved that the Senator from Santa Rosa county be added to the committee on Internal Improvements;

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act concerning elections;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to reduce the cost of criminal prosecutions;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suit against counties;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Holstead B. Hoeg and assignees;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow;

A bill to be entitled an act requiring Judges of Supreme Courts to set specific days for the trial of causes wherein three or more witnesses have been subpœnaed;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to require licenses to taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12, 1849;

Was read.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend by adding after the word against, "all persons engaged in taking Daguerreotypes, Ambrotypes, Photographs, Typographs, and all other portrait and picture artists;"

Which was adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Engrossed bill entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gaslight Company;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall and Walker—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine, to be located at St. Augustine;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall and Walker—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill entitled an act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall and Walker—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill entitled an act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall and Walker—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to relieve the Town Council of the Town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said town, and for other purposes;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin Bowers, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall and Walker—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
January 29, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The house has passed the folllowing bills:

House bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from penning stock, without the consent of the owners, in Nassau county; and

House bill to be entitled an act to repeal in part the laws protesting intercourse with the Indians.

Very respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Glerk House of Ropresentatives.

Which was read and bills placed among the orders for a second reading on to-morrow.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, Jan. 29, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

Sir: I have approved and signed the following bills and resolutions, viz:

An act to change the name of Thomas J. Danford to Thomas J. Cook, and for other purposes;

An act in relation to the common school fund of Santa Rosa county;

An act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others;

An act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to that of Nepcy Cheshire;

An act to amend an act entitled an act for the regulation of pilots and pilotage in the bay and harbor of Pensacola;

An act to facilitate the Express business;

An act to authorize the County Commissioners of the counties of Escambia and Santa Rosa to borrow money for the purpose of building a Court House and Jail;

An act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county;

An act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free deales;

Resolution for the relief of B. Frisby and M. J. Murphy;

Resolution relative to the erection of a monument to Captain John Parkhill, in the Capital square; and

An act placing certain minor children under the guardianship and jurisdiction of the Probate Court.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY,

Which was read.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until half-past ten o'clock to morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, January 30th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev, Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, amended and adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to reconsider the vote taken on Monday, on the bill to be entitled an act providing for a stay of executions;

Which was adopted, and the bill ordered to be placed on its second reading, and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Bowers moved that the bill for the relief of Walton county in regard to the school fund, be taken up and placed first among the orders of the day;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bowers moved that the bill entitled an act to allow James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklockonee River, be reconsidered;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Davidson offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That after Friday, the first day of February next, no bill of a private or local nature, shall be introduced into either House of this General Assembly;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Davidson moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the House and ask the return of a bill to be entitled an act to allow James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklockonee River;

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Davidson, Jones, and Bowers were appointed said committee. The committee retired and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

Mr. McQueen from the committee on Engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrgossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Ellis W. Hawkins, of Santa Rosa county;

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Weekiver Creek and Clay Spring River, and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said streams;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola;

A bill to be entitled an act concerning pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys;

A bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court; and

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the fees of Notaries Public in certain cases.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Of the Committee.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call from the joint Select committe made the following report;

The joint Select committee who were appointed on yesterday to confer with the Governor and report whether the public interests would require the General Assembly to remain in session longer than Monday 4th February,

REPORT

That the Southern Convention meets at Montgomery on February 4th, for the purpose of adopting a plan both for a provisional and permanent government, that the latter it will probably require them some time to mature, and when matured and adopted by the Southern Convention, must be submitted to our own State Convention for ratification. But a plan for a Provisional Government, there is every reason to believe will be agreed upon on the first or second

day after the meeting of the Southern Convention, which will be substantially the Constitution of the late United States, and will not require to be ratified by any other body before it will go into operation. Should this be the case the General Assembly of Florida will be immediately called upon to provide for the election of President and Vice President, and members of Congress, and perhaps perform other duties which cannot now be known until after the action of said Southern Convention. Inasmuch as the preservation of our domestic peace and the hope of avoiding a war between the two sections, is dependant upon the speedy organization of such a Government for the seceding States, it is evident that the duties thus devolved upon the General Assembly are so absolutely important that unless it is in session at the time, the Governor would be compelled to call that body together again immediately.

In view of these facts the committee are of the opinion that unless the General Assembly can anticipate with reasonable certainty the action of said Southern Convention, and provide in advance for the election of those Federal officers and the performance of these duties which it may become necessary for Florida to elect or perform, the public interest will absolutely prohibit their adjournment, inasmuch as the mileage of members alone, which would be incurred by an extra session rendered necessary by said adjournment would be equal to the expenses of several weeks of actual session.

The committee have further to report that there seems to be a large amount of legislation devolved upon them by the ordinances of the late Convention, and it would seem to be premature even to discuss the question of an adjournment, when as yet not a solitary bill has been introduced into either House in pursuance of those ordinances.

GEO. CALL,
Chairman Senate Com.
G. W. MEANS,
Chairman House Com.

Which was recived and read.

Mr. McCall from the select committee made the following report;

The select committee to whom was refered a bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City, have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage.

W. W. McCALL,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Call moved the Senate take a recess until half-past three o'clock this evening ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and McQueen ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—11.

Nays—Messrs. Bowers, Dawkins, Davidson, McCall and Walker —5.

So said motion was adopted, and the Senate took a recess until half-past three o'clock.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

The rules were waived and the committee on engrossed bills made the following report :

The Committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly engrossed :

A bill to be entitled an act combining the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor of Jefferson county.

Respectiully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Of the Committee.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

The rules were waived and the committee on Judiciary made the following report :

The Joint Judiciary committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, and for other purposes, have had the same under consideaation, and instructed me to

REPORT

The bill back to the Senate without amendment or recommendation in any way.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Com.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Judiciary committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to define and puuish slander, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to

REPORT:

That the accompanying bill is offered as a substitute for the original bill, but a majority are opposed to any legislation on the subject.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Comm.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Judiciary committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to punish breaches of trust by telegraphic operators, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to

REPORT

That by adding thereto the following, to-wit:

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall sustain damages by any officer, clerk, agent or employer aforesaid, by a violation of this act, the owner or owners of said telegraph office or telegraph line, shall be responsible to the person or persons sustaining such damages, to be sued for and recovered in any court in this State having competent jurisdiction thereof."

And with the adoption of this amendment, recommend the passage of the bill.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Sen. Com.

Which report was received, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Judiciary committee to whom was referred the bills entitled: an act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts; an act defining who shall be competent witnesses and for other purposes; an act to allow sheriffs costs for advertising their sales in the public gazettes of the State, report that they are unable to agree upon said bills and report them back without recommendation.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman.

A majority of the same committee recommend that an act for the protection of heirs, minors and wards against injustice in this State do not pass.

G. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read, and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

House bill entitled an act for the relief of Walton county relative to the school fund;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City;

Was read a second time, report of committee adopted, and on motion the printed bill was adopted in lieu of the original. The rules were then waived, and bill read a third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—12.

Nay—Mr. President—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Rogers moved that after Thursday next the Senator from the 7th District be excused from further attendance on the session;

Which was lost.

Mr. Davidson moved that the rules be waived to allow him to introduce the following bill, in accordance with previous notice:

A bill to be entitled an act to secure certain rights to married women;

Which was adopted, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the fees of Notaries Public in certain cases;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Engrossed bill entitled an act combining the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor of Jefferson county;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—15.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court;

Was read a third time.

Mr. Rogers moved to waive the rules that he might offer an amendment;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by inserting at the beginning of the sixth line of the third section, the words "by consent of parties;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. McCall moved that Gainsville in the fifteenth line be striken out and Lake City inserted;

Which was adopted.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act concerning pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys;

Was read a third time.

The rule being waived, Mr. Watlington moved as an amendment, that in the tenth line of section third, after the word "have" insert "one-half."

Which was lost.

Mr. Watlington moved that in the sixteenth line of same section, strike out all after the word "shall" and insert "not be compelled to pay pilotage."

Which was lost.

Mr. Watlington moved the following additional section:

Be it further enacted, That all vessels carrying the mails along the coast of Florida, propelled either by steam or sails, when compelled by law to carry a pilot, such mail vessel shall not be bound to take a pilot, nor pay the fees required by this act.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Magbee moved to reconsider the vote adopting the additional section.

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Call moved as a substitute that no vesssel carrying the mails along the coast of Florida, whether propelled by steam or sails, shall not be compelled to take a pilot or pay any pilot fees except in cases where service is actually performd at any port in this State, by this or any other act or regulation of commissioners of pilotage.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nays—Messrs. Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Walker—4.

So said amendment was adopted.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Weekiver Creek and Clay Spring Run and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said streams;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Baldwin moved to place among the orders of the day for to-morrow the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the eighth section of the sixth article of the Constitution of the State of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the seventh section of the thirteenth article of the Constitution of this State; and

A bill to be entitled act to amend on the amended Constitution of the State of Florida in relation to the sessions of the General Assembly.

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Ellis W. Hawkins, of Santa Rosa county:

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Davidson, Finlayson, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Walker—8.

So said bill was lost.

Mr. McCall moved to reconsider the vote;

Which was adopted.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—7.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Davidson, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, and Walker—6.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Rogers moved to adjourn until half-past ten o'clock to-morrow morning;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Walker;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chain, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McCall, Walker and Watlington—10.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to adjourn until 25 minutes past 10 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Walker;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chain, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McCall, Walker and Watlington—10.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to adjourn until twenty minutes past 10 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Walker;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Davidson Finlayson, Jones, McCall, Walker and Watlington—10.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to adjourn until 15 minutes after 10 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McCall, Walker and Watlington—10.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the Senate take a recess until 7½ o'clock.

Mr. Rogers moved as a substitute to adjourn utill 10 minutes after 10 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McCall, Walker and Watlington—10.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved that the Senate adjourn untill five minutes after 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Mr. Dawkins rose to a point of order, that the question recurred upon his motion to take a recess.

The Chair decided that Mr. Dawkins' motion to take a recess was out of order, and that the motion of Mr. Rogers was in order.

Mr. Dawkins appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The question was shall the decision of the Chair be sustained;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—11.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call and Dawkins—4.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Rogers to adjourn until five minutes after ten o'clock to-morrow morning;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was;

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, and Simkins—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, McCall, Walker and Watlington—10.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to adjourn until ten o'clock to morrow morning;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkns—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones and McCall—7.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to adjourn until five minutes before ten o'clock to-morrow morning;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Davidson Jones, McCall and Walker—8.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to adjourn until Saturday morning, ten o'clock;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs McCall, and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call and Walker—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—13.

So said motion was lost.

Hr. Rogers moved to adjourn until six minutes before 10 o'clock to-morrow morning;

Upon which the yeas aud nays were called by Messrs. McCall and and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Jones, McCall and Walker—9.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved that the rules be waived to allow him so make a motion;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson and Walker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—6.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to adjourn untill 9½ o'clock to morrow morning;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, McCall and Walker—8.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Mr. McCall moved as a substitute 11 o'clock to morrow morning.

Mr. Call rose to a point of order that a motion to adjourn until 11 o'clock was not in order, a motion to adjourn for a less time having been lost.

The Chair decided the motion to adjourn until 11 o'clock was in order.

Mr. Call appealed from the decision of the Chair;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Finlayson, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson and Walker—7.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question then recurred upon the substitute;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. McCall, Rogers and Simkins—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwiu, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen and Walker—11.

So said substitute was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—8

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Davidson and McCall—6

So said motion was adopted and the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

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THURSDAY, January 31, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Jones and Watlington.

There not being a quorum present, the Sergeant-at-Arms was ordered to go after absent members.

At seven minutes past nine o'clock the roll was called, when the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Simkins, Walker and Watlington.

There was not a quorum.

At fifteen minutes past nine o'clock the roll was called, when the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Walker and Watlington.

There was not a quorum.

At twenty minutes after nine o'clock the roll was called, and the following Senatos answered to their names:

Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Walker and Watlington.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of the minutes of yesterday's Journal were dispensed with.

Mr. Call gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 16th section of an act entitled an act to amend the militia and patrol laws of this State.

Mr. Rogers moved that Mr. Davidson be excused from further attendance during the session after Thursday of next week;

Which was adopted.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Jones introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the common school fund of Washington and Holmes counties.

Rule waived and bill read a first and second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Call moved that the Secretary be authorized to employ an additional clerk to assist him with the journals, and also to assist in engrossing and enrolling, or other business of the clerk of the Senate, provided not more than $3 00 per day shall be paid said clerk

Which was adopted.

In pursuance to previous notice Mr. Call introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of those States which have passed bank suspension and stay laws from collecting debts in this State.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 29, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed the following bills, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws of Nassau county;

House bill to be entitled an act to regulate the compensation of pilots at the port of St. Marks;

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William H. Tanner;

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George G. Holt, and Thadeus Rees, of Wakulla county;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the time for holding the Circuit Courts for the Western Judicial Circuit; and

House resolution to provide for the appointment of Major-General in the army of Florida.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was received and read and bills and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call from the joint Judiciary committee made the following report:

The joint Judiciary committee to whom was referred the petition of John B. Meigs and 82 others, praying that one Alexander C. Moores be restored to the right of voting at all public elections, of which he is now deprived of for having forfeited it by having been convicted of such a crime as to so deprive him by the laws of this State, having had the same under consideration, and instructed us to

REPORT

That there was no evidence before the committee which would go to show that the prayer of the petitioners should be granted, and again, if the prayer of the petitioners should be granted by the General Assembly, it certainly would be establishing a bad and dangerous precedent, therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the Orders of the day.

Mr. Call from the joint Judiciary committee made the following report:

The Judiciary committee of the two Houses

REPORT:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the admission of attorneys, as a substitute for one of the same title. An act providing for a stay of executions; an act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed, and recommend their passage. They also arguments with themselves an act to amend an act to provide for writs of error in criminal cases; an act to provide for the enforcement of the laws of this State; an act repealing the usury laws, the passage of which they recommend.

They deem it proper to state that all the foregoing conclusions were adopted by a bare majority of the committee, of which barely a quorum was present.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call from the joint Judiciary committee made the following report:

The joint Judiciary committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act in relation to sheriffs, have had the same under consideration and instructed us to

REPORT:

The bill back to the Senate with amendments, and ask that the amendments be adopted, and thereupon the bill do pass.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Simkins, from the committee on enrolled bills, made the following report:

The commttte on enrolled bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled;

A bill to be entitled an act concerning replevin;

A bill to be entitled an act to secilitate criminal proceedings;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James C. McArthur former sheriff of Santa Rosa county;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Martha Anne Barnes to that of Mary Harriet McClelland;

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal so much of the act approved January 7th, 1859, as consolidates the offices of Tax Assessor and Collector and Sheriff of Wakulla county;

A bill to be entitled an act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company; and

A bill to be entitled an act restoring Isaiah Bird of Hamilton county to the rights of suffrage and other privileges.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Dawkins from the committee on Internal Improvements made the following report:

The committee on Internal Improvements to whom wes referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company in relation to election of directors, recommend its passage.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McQueen from the joint committee on the Militia made the following report:

The joint committee on the militia to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to encourage the formation of mounted and cavalry companies in this State for military service, have reported a substitute in lieu of the original bill, and recommend its passage.

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman Senate Com.
JOS. JNO. WILLIAMS,
Chairman of House Committee.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The joint committee on the Militia, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the mode and manner of calling troops into the State service, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage with the following amendments:

In the fifth section, after the word Barrancas, insert the words, "and other fortifications," after St. Augustine "one corporal and two men as a permanent garrison for the fortifications and works at Fernandina."

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman Senate Com.
JOS. JNO. WILLIAMS,
Chairman House Com.

Which report was read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The committee on the Militia to whom was referred the following bills: an act to organize the volunteer forces of this State, and an act to amend in part the existing militia laws, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report them back, and recommend the same do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman Senate Com.
JOS. JNO. WILLIAMS,
Chairman House Com.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The committee on the militia to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the defence of certain sea ports, thinks another bill reported favorably upon, provides sufficiently for the garrison named in this bill, and therefore report against its passage.

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman Senate Com.
JOS. JNO. WILLIAMS,
Chairman House Com.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The joint committee on militia to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act re-organizing the military forces of this State, have instructed me to

REPORT

The bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage with the following amendments:

In the eighth line of the first section of the printed bill, substitute the word "six" before "months" for the word "three."

In the seventh line of the second section of the printed bill, for the word "February" substitute "March."

In the second line of the third section of the printed bill, for the word "February" substitute "March."

In the fourth line of the fourth section of the printed bill, for the word "March" substitute "April."

In the thirteenth line of the eighth section of the printed bill, after the word "non-commissioned" insert the word "officer."

To section ten add the following: "Provided such separate organization shall not reduce the rank and file of such company below the minimum number of sixty-four."

In the third line of the twelfth section of the printed bill, for the words "during good behaviour" substitute the words "for two years."

In the third line of the thirteenth section of the printed bill, for the words "during good behaviour" substitute the words "for two years;" also in the fifteenth line of the same section of the printed bill, strike out the words "to" before the word "subject," and before the word "that" insert the words "to see."

In the ninth line of the fifteenth section of the printed bill, after the word "accordingly" add the following: "Provided however, that this section shall not be so construed as to reduce the lineal rank or

pay of any Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, Major, Captain or Lieutenant, when such officer or officers shall have under his or their command the minimum number of men requisite to give to him or them, his or their legitimate rank from his or their own regiment, battalion or company.

Respectfully submitted,
JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Choirman Senate Com.
JOS. JNO. WILLIAMS.
Chairman House Com.

Which report was receivd and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

The select committee made the following report:

The select committee to whom was refered the written bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Fernandina, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying printed bill as a substitute, to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Alachua, and recommend its passage.

W. W. McCALL,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an Act in relation to sheriffs;

Was read the second time, amendments reported by committee adopted and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act repealing the usury laws;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the admission of Attorneys;

Mr. Call moved that the substitute reported by the committee be adopted:

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Davidson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Walkerand Watlington—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Davidson, Magbee, McCall, and Simkins—6.

So said substitute was adopted.

Mr. Brokaw moved that the substitute and original be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs, Dawkins and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Davidson, Magbee, McCall, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen and Watlington—5.

So said substitute and original was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for writ of error in criminal cases;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the enforcement of the laws of this State;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for as third reading on to-morrow.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a resolution in favor of Neil J. Mckinnon;

Which resolution was received and placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for a stay of executious;

Was read the third time;

Mr. Magbee moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and Walker;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Rogers and Walker—8.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Watlington moved to amend the bill by adding the following proviso at the end of the bill, viz: Provided however, that the provisions of this bill shall not have any force or effect in the counties of Monroe and Dade;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and McQueen;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—9.

Nays— Messrs. Brokaw, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Walker—5.

So said amendment was adopted.

On motion the bill was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. McQueen moved to reconsider the vote ordering the bill to be engrossed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas–Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—7.

Nays—Messrs. Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, McCall, Rogers and Walker—6.

So said vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Magbee moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill until to-morrow;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Chain;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, McCall, Rogers and Walker—7.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Magbee moved to strike out the amendment proposed by Mr. Watlington which had been adopted.

The Chair decided the motion out of order.

Mr. Magbee appealed from the decision of the Chair;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—12.

Nay—Mr. Magbee—1.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

Mr. Magbee moved to commit the bill to a select committee of three;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Magbee, McQueen, and Simkins—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, McCall, Rogers and Walker—8.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Magbee moved to indefinitely postpone the bill:

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and Brokaw;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, McCall, Rogers and Walker—9.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rules were waived and the resolution in favor of Neil J. McKinnon was taken up;

Was read a first time—rule waived, and read a second and third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Davidson, McQueen, Rogers, Walker and Watlington—9.

Nays—Messrs. Dawkins, Magbee, McCall and Simkins—4.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Chain, Watlington and Brokaw, were appointed to convey said resolution to the House and inform that body of its passage.

The committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed said duty and were discharged.

A bill to be entitled an act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed;

Was read a second time and 80 copies of the bill ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an act to encourage the formation of mounted and cavalry companies in this State for military service;

Was read a second time, substitute reported by committee adopted, and 80 copies of the substitute ordered to be printed.

A committee appeared at the bar and imformed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee by the House to return to the Senate a bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklocknee river for the purpose of erecting a mill;

The bill was received and placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide the mode and manner of calling troops into the State service;

Was read a second time, and amendments reported by committee adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the second section by adding the words "or a blockade, or a seriously threatened blockade of any one of our seaports;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chain offered the following amendment:

Such officer or officers and such nubmer of companies as the Governor, in his discretion, may deem the circumstances require, which companies shall not be composed of less than 64 men, rank and file.

On motion the Senate took a recess until 3½ o'clock.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

The consideration of the bill to be entitled an act to provide the mode and manner of calling troops into the State service was resumed.

The question was as to the following amendment of Mr. Chain :

Such officer or officers and such number of companies as the Governor, in his discretion, may deem the circumstances require, which companies shall not be composed of less than 64 men, rank and file.

Mr. Call moved as a substitute that the fifth section be striceen out;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Davidson :

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Call, McQueen and Rogers—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McCall and Simkins—9.

So said motion was lost.

The question then recurred upon the amendment offered by Mr. Chain.

On motion the further consideration of the bill was postponed, and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend in part the existing militia laws ;

Was read the second time, and on motion laid on the table.

A blll to be entitled an act to incorporate the Commercial Bank of Fernandina ;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Rogers moved to commit the bill to committee on corporations ;

Which was lost.

On motion the substitute reported by the committee was adopted in lieu of the original.

On motion the bill was changed to Bank of Commerce.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third readlng on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the defence of certain sea ports ;

Was read a second time, and on metion laid on the table.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company in relation to election of directors ;

Was read a second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Engrossed bill entitled an act to incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to extend the jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace, and for other purposes;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Call moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—9.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Chain, McCall, McQueen and Rogers—5.

So said bill was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the criminal laws of this State, and to provide for the punishment of abusive words;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Rogers moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Davidson;

The vote was:

Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Davidson, Magbee, Rogers and Simkins—5.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Jones, McCall, McQueen, and Watlington—7.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow sheriffs costs for advertising their sales in the papers of this State;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act defining who shall be competent witnesses and for other purposes:

Was read a second time.

Mr. Rogers moved to indefinitely postpone the bill:

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Davidson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Davidson, Jones, Magbee and Rogers—6.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—8.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Magbee moved that the first section of the bill be striken out.

Which was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the second section of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Davidson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Davidson, Jones, Magbee and Rogers—6.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—8.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Court;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Magbee moved to lay the bill on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Davidson, Magbee and Rogers—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—10.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to amend as follows:

After the word but strike out all in the eighth line of the second section and insert "when the public interests require the same the court may set every cause for a particular day, or set the same at the foot of the docket."

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act to punish breaches of trust by telegraph operators;

Was read a second time and amendments reported by committee adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved the following additional section:

Be it further enacted, That all telegraph operations when actually engaged by the month or otherwise, for receiving and fordward-

ing telegraphic dispatches, shall hereafter be exempt from performing jury, road, military or other public duty or duties.

Which was adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed as amended for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of heirs, minors and wards against injustice in this State and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and on motion was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Major General Benjamin Hopkins;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson Jones, Magbee, McCall, Rogers and Simkins—11.

[illegible] Messrs. Brokaw and McQueen—2.

[illegible]—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases in the Western Judicial Circuit;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Dawkins offered a substitute to the bill;

Which was adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an act to organize Baker county;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act defining the condition of free negroes and other persons of color;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an act to amend the election laws in force in this State;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an an act to provide for the payment of the Florida volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an act to permit Erasmus Thompson of Hillsborough county to practice law in the several Courts of this State;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, Wm. J. Keyser and other owners of wharf property at Milton in Santa Rosa county, to establish and charge rates of wharfage;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill entitled an act to authorize William J. J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zippera to establish a toll bridge across the Suwannee and Alapaha rivers;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an act for the relief of Maria de los Dolores Justimani and Maria Isabel Justimani;

Was read the third time and the bill laid on the table.

House bill entitled an act to allow A. J. Baker of the county of Volusia to practice medicine in said county;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Rogers and Simkins—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Davidson and McQueen—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion the Senate adjourned until half-past ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY, February 1st, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as chaplain.

On motion the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Magbee asked leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the office of Indian agent;

Which was received, rule waived, read a first and second time by its title and referred to committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Call asked and obtained leave to introduce without previous notice the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act transferring causes from the late District Court to the Circuit Courts;

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing the forms of an oath of allegiance to the State;

A bill to be entitled an act defining who are citizens of the State of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the punishment of such persons as pretend to hold office in this State not recognzied by the laws thereof; and

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the maintenance of the light houses on the sea board;

And moved that the rules be waived and they be read a first and second time by their title and referred to the Judiciary committee.

Which were read, rule waived, read the first and second time by title and referred to Judiciary committee.

Mr. Jones gave notice hat he would at some future day ask leave to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain school funds due their counties.

Mr. Call moved that when the orders of the day are reached, the rules be waived and the act providing for carrying the mails be read a first and second time by its title, and that the Senate do go into a committee of the Whole thereon;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call asked and obtained leave to introduce without previous notice the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for carrying the mails;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Call asked leave to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the sixteenth section of an act entitled an act to amend the militia and patrol laws of this State; and

A bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and pre-emptory challenges in criminal cases;

And moved that the rules be waived and they be read a first and second time by their titles and the first referred to the committee on the Militia and the second to the committee on the Judiciary.

Which were received, rules waived, read the first and second time by their title and referred to committee on Judiciary.

On motion, the Sergeant at Arms was excused from attendance after to-day until Monday next.

Mr. Chain moved that the vote taken on the bill to be entitled an act to extend the jurisdiction of the Justices of the Peace, and other purposes, which was taken yesterday, be reconsidered and the bill placed among the orders of the day;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Davidson and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chain, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, and Davidson—5.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to reconsider the vote indefinitely postponing the bill in relation to the admission of Attorneys;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Brokaw moved to reconsider the vote adopting the substitute;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—11.

Nay—Mr. Dawkins—1.

So said vote was reconsidered, and the bill and substitute placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESETATIVES,
January 31st, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

Sir: The House has passed the following bills:

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State, as amended;

House bill to be entitled an act to enable Railroad companies to obtain the right of way;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the La Villa Institute, near Jacksonville, Florida;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide a remedy to enforce the lien of Ship-wrights, Ship-chandlers and others, against ships, vessels, steamboats, or other water crafts;

Senate bill to be entitled an act relating to foreign guardians; and

House bill to be entitled an act extending the time for making demands on Railroad companies for stock killed or injured, and for other purposes.

Respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read and Senate bills passed without amendments ordered to be enrolled, and House bills placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

The Senate bill entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State, with House amendments was taken up, the first and second amendments concurred in, and the third refused.

On motion a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Rogers, and Brokaw were appointed to inform the House of the Senate's action.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 30th, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES:

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bills viz:

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the Pilot laws of the port of Fernandina, with amendments;

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize Henry C. Groomstine to plead and practice law;

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William J. Parker, Sheriff of Suwannee county;

House bill to be entitled an act making Capt. Simeon Sparkman a citizen of Columbia county;

House bill to be entitled an act to regulate Fishing on the coast of Florida;

House bill to be entitled an act to organize the county of Polk from the counties of Hillsboro and Brevard;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws in the counties of Leon and Gadsden;

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Monticello, Jefferson county, in this State;

The following Senate bill was lost in the House:

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the compensation of the Solicitors of this State.

Very respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read and House bills ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morow, amendments to Senate bill concurred in, and the same ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives;

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 31, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has this day passed the following bill:

House bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read.

On motion, the rule was waived, the bill read a first and second time by its title and referred to committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Dawkins offered the following resolutions:

1. *Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened*, That each and every member of the General Assembly of this State, including Senators and Representatives, shall be entitled to and receive five dollars per day for every day in which he or they shall be in actual attendance on the General Assembly, and five cents per mile for every mile of necessary travel going to and from the Capital.

2. *Be it further resolved*, That the above resolution shall not go into effect until the expiration of the present term.

Which was read the first time, rule waived and read a second time by its title.

Mr. Call moved to strike out 5 cents;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Call and Dawkins;

The vote was;

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Jones, Magbee, McCall, Rogers and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins, Davidson and Simkins—5.

So said motion was adopted.

On motion, the further consideration of the resolution was postponed and the resolution with amendment was referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Dawkins and Chain.

Mr. Call from the Judiciary committee made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee recommend the passage of an "act to secure certain rights to married women" as a substitute for one of the same title.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

The joint committee on the militia made the following report:

The joint committee on the militia to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the militia laws now in force in this State, having had the same under consideration, have instructed me to

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The bill back to the Senate and recommend its passage with the following amendments:

Substitute for Section first:

Sec. 1. That whenever any person shall be appointed an inspector of militia elections in accordance with the laws of this State, and shall fail or refuse to discharge the duties of such inspector as required by law, he shall be liable to Court Martial, and to such penalty as may be imposed by such Court Martial.

Second section, second page, third line from top, "officer" for "office."

Substitute for section three:

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That all sums collected by any Court Martial now provided for, or hereafter to be provided for by law, for the non-performance of militia duty, shall be paid over to the Captain of the beat of a company Court Martial, to the commanding officer of the regiment of a regimental Court Martial, to the commanding officer of the Brigade of a Brigade Court Martial, and to the commanding officer of the Division of a Division Court Martial, to be paid over by each officer to the Pay-Master General, and every such officer who shall fail to pay over each current quarter, all such sums which they may respectively have in their hands, shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars and the amount so retained, to be imposed by Courts Martial called for such purpose.

In section six strike out all after the word "are" in third line from last and insert "not rendered, the said Court Martial shall impose upon such defaulter the fine now provided, or to be provided by law."

In the second line of the seventh section, after the word "Physician" insert "and all teachers in any school or seminary having a military department."

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman Senate Committee.
J. J. WILLIAMS,
Chairman House Committee.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Brokaw from the select committee made the following report:

The committee to whom was refered a bill for the relief of Donald Cameron, have had the same under consideration and request me to make the following report:

The committee find upon examination the amount of fees due Donald Cameron $24.65, and believe the said claims to be correct and just and recommend the passage of the bill.

P. B. BROKAW,
for Committee.

Was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McQueen from the committee on Engrossed bills, made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills and resolution as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for a stay of executions;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Flordia Mutual, Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

A bill to be entitled an act for the enforcement of the laws of this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12, 1849; and

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases in the Western Judicial Circuit.

Respectiully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
of the Committee.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

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House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others who have not been paid for actul services rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for carrying the mails;

Was read the second time.

On motion the Senate resolved itself into a committee of the Whole for the consideration of said bill—Mr. Brokaw in the chair.

After some time spent therein the committee rose and reported progress, and asked leave to sit again immediately after recess.

The rules being waived, Mr. Baldwin was granted leave of absence until Tuesday next.

On motion, the senate took a recess until half-past 3 o'clock P. M.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

On motion, the Senate went into committee of the Whole, having under consideration a bill to be entitled an act providing for carrying the mails—Mr. Brokaw in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the committee rose and reported the bill back to the Senate with amendments, and recommended its passage;

Which report was received and the amendments concurred in, and 80 copies of the bill ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

The rules being waived the committee on Claims and Accounts made the following report:

The committee on Claims and Accounts to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida

Volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians, ask leave to

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That the House bill that passed the Senate to-day has the same title, and is intended to pay for the same service mentioned in the bill referred to your committee, they therefore refer the bill back to the Senate, and ask that no further proceedings be had thereon.

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman.

Which was recived and read and the bill laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to secure certain rights to married women:

Was read the second time.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend the last section by adding the words "provided they severally own separate estates;"

Upon the adoption of which amendment the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Dawkins, McCall and Rogers—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins, and Walker—11.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Call moved to strike out the fourth section;

Upon the adoption of which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Dawkins and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones and Simkins—6.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Davidson, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Walker and Watlington—9.

So said amendment was lost.

Mr. McCall moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Dawkins, Jones, McCall and Simkins—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Walker and Watlington—11.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the militia laws now in force in this State;

Was passed over informally and 80 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Donald Cameron, Justice of the Peace of Leon county.

Mr. Call moved to amend the bill by striking out "Treasurer" and inserting "that the Pay-master General be authorized to pay the amount out of the military fund;"

Which was adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases in the Western Judicial Circuit;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nay—Mr. Davidson—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion the title of the bill was amended by striking out "in the Western Judicial Circuit."

Ordered that the passage of the bill be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12th, 1849;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins, Ingram, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—8.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, and McQueen—7.

So said motion was lost not having received the requisite majority of three-fourths.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Walker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee.

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Kessrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—15.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the eighth section of the sixth article of the Constitution of the State of Florida;

Was read the first time and indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entiled an act to amend the amended Constitution of the State of Florida, in relation to the sessions of the General Assembly;

Was read three several times and ordered to be placed first among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the seventh section of the thirteenth article of the Constitution of this State:

Was read three several times and ordered to be placed second among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance company;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act for the enforcement of the laws of this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the pleading and practice in the Courts of this State;

Was read the third time and passed over informally, and ordered to be placed third among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act concerning elections;

Was read the second time, and on motion referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Davidson, McCall, and Dawkins.

House bill to be entitled an act to declare Peas Creek a navigable stream;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring Judges of Circuit Courts to set specific days for the trial of causes wherein three or more witnesses are subpœnaed;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Rogers moved its indefinite postponement:

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Jones and Rogers—3.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—11.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authoize the county Commissioners of Hillsboro' county to borrow money;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring railroad companies to maintain proper cattle guards and railroad crossings;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the taxes;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the obtaining of the record books and dockets required by law for the Clerks of the Circuit Courts offices of this State and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and referred to committee on Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled an act to locate the county site of Levy county;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Building and Saving association;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of T. C. Bolling, administrator of R. A. Child, deceased;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

House resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

House bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

Was read the second time.

Mr. McQueen moved to strike out "two thousand" and insert "fifteen hundred and thirty-two 82–100;

Which was adopted and the bill referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal in part the laws prohibiting intercourse with the Indians;

Was read the second time and referred to a Select committee consisting of Messrs. Magbee, McCall and Simkins.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from penningors detaining stock without the consent of the owner in Nassau county;

Was read the second time and referred to a Select committee consisting of Messrs. Ingram, McQueen and Simkins.

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to reduce the costs of criminal prosecutions;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Holstead H. Hoeg, and assignees;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws of Nassau county:

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George G. Holt and Thadeus Rees, of Wakulla county;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to regulate the compensation of Pilots at the Port of St. Marks;

Was read the firtt time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William H. Fannin;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

House resolution to provide for the appointment of Major General in the Army of Florida;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the times for holding the Courts of the Western Judicial Circuit;

Was taken up, the amendments proposed by the House read and concurred in, and the same ordered to be certified to the House, and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Magbee moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Walker and Watlington—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall and Simkins—6.

So the motion was adopted, and the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 2nd, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, amended and approved.

Mr. Magbee asked leave, which was granted, to introduce without previous notice the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to aid the county of Hillsborough in building or in assisting to build a Railroad;

Rules waived, read the first and second times, and referred to the committee on the state of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Call introduced without previous notice, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act for the representation of this State in the Southern Convention;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call moved that "$3," in the motion introduced by him and adopted by the Senate on Thursday, authorizing the Secretary to employ an assistant, be stricken out, and "$4" inserted in lieu thereof;

Which motion was carried.

Mr. Dawkins moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the House and ask the return of House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others who have not been paid for actual services rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Dawkins, Ingram and Walker were appointed such committee. The said committee repaired to the House, returned and were discharged.

On motion of Mr. Dawkins the rules were ordered to be waived that said bill should be taken up as soon as returned to the Senate;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call introduced the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened. That so soon as any bill or resolution of a public nature shall become a law, either by receiving the Governor's signature thereto, or by his failure to return the same to the House whereiu it originated, it shall be the duty of the Governor's Secretary to transmit a fair copy thereof to the printer of the House wherein the same originated, and thereupon it shall be the duty of the said printer to print one thousand copies of the said act or resolution in the form ordinarily used for the publication of the laws, of which ten copies shall be furnished to each member of the General Assembly and the residue deposited in the office of the Secretary of State for general distribution.

The rules being waived the resolution was read the second and third times, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—11.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Call moved that the bill to be entitled an act to define the condition of free negroes and other persons of color, be taken up and placed fourth among the orders of the day;

Which was adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the amended Constitution of the State of Florida in relation to the sessions of the General Assembly;

Was read three several times.

Mr. Magbee moved that the bill be referred to the committee on the Revision of the Constitution;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Walker;

The vote was;

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee and Rogers—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Walker—8.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be placed first among the orders of the day for Monday next.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee to return to the Senate a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians.

The motion of Mr. Dawkins to reconsider the vote taken on yesterday in regard to the passage of the bill was taken up.

Mr. Rogers raised a point of order, that the Senate could not entertain a motion to reconsider the vote taken on a bill after the bill had been certified to the House.

The Chair decided that the House having returned the bill to the Senate it was in order to reconsider the vote.

Mr. Rogers appealed from the decision of the Chair;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Walker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Magbee and Rogers—3.

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

The question then recurred upon the reconsideration of the vote;

The yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Call;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chain, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen and Walker—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Magbee, Rogers and Simkins—7.

So the motion to reconsider the vote was lost;

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 7th section of the 13th article of the Constitution of this State;

Was read three several times and ordered to be placed second among the orders of the day for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the pleading and practice in the courts of this State;

Mr. Call moved to amend the bill by offering the following as a substitute for the forty-seventh section:

Sec. 47. *Be it further enacted*, That the marriage of a woman plaintiff or defendent, shall not cause the action to abate, but the action may notwithstanding be proceeded with to judgment, but such judgment shall be rendered against, or in favor of the wife alone, and execution thereon be levied upon her property alone; in case of a judgment for the wife, execution may issue thereon by the authority of the husband, without suggestion.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Eppes the preamble was striken out.

Mr. Call offerred the following amendment:

Add to the fourth section: "Nor shall he be allowed without good cause shown for his default, to plead any plea which would delay the trial of the cause beyond the time when it might have been tried if the said plea had been plead in due time."

Which was adopted.

Mr. Eppes moved to strike out the sixty-fourth section;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, and 69th sections;

Which was lost.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment:

In the 65th section, first line, strike out "such" and insert "any;" in the second and third lines, same section, strike out "either before or after such Oral examination."

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, Mc Call, McQueen and Simkins—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Davidson, Rogers and Walker—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The rules being waived, Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bill as correcly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act defining the condition of free negroes and other persons of color.

Respectfully submitted,

T. INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which report was received and readand bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to define the condition of free negroes and other persons of color;

Was read the third time.

Mr. McCall offered a substitute for the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Davidson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Call and Chain—3.

So the substitute was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved to strike out "one-eight" in section seven.

Mr. Call moved to amend the motion by striking out in the same section the words "or more," which was accepted by Mr. Dawkins;

Upon the adoption of the amendment the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Davidson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—14.

Nays—none.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by adding the following additional section:

Sec. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That all negroes and mulattoes in this State shall after the 1st of October, 1861, be held, deemed, and taken to be slaves, and the lawful property of any free person having the same in possession, unless a better title to said slaves be proven to exist in some other person.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Rogers and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Chain, Davidson, Ingram and Jones—5.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the section just adopted by inserting the word "white;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Simkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—14.

Nays—none.

So the amendment was adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be placed back on its second reading and 80 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to prescribe the mode and manner of calling troops into the State service;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Call and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Walker—12.

Nay—Mr. Jones—1.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The rules being waived, Mr. Brokaw from the committee on Claims and Accounts, made the following report:

The committee on Claims and Accounts to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia, have instructed me to make the following

REPORT

That they recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendment: strike out $2,000, and insert $1,532 82, that being the amount claimed by B. F. Whitner, jr., for his services.

P. B. BROKAW,
for Committee.

Which was received and read, the amendments proposed by the committee concurred in, and the bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an act to organize Baker county;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McCall and Simkins—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins, Ingram and Walker—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of those States which have passed bank suspension and stay laws from collecting debts in this State;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

The rules being waived, Mr. Dawkins introduced without previous notice the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a company to construct a Railroad from St. Andrews to some point on the line of Georgia or Alabama in West Florida.

Which was read the first time by its title, and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for Monday next.

The rules being waived, Mr. Magbee moved that the House bill to be entitled an act to organize the county of Polk from the counties of Hillsborough and Brevard, be taken up;

Which was adopted, the bill read a first time by its title, and ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

On motion the Senate adjourned until half-past two o'clock, P. M., on Monday next.

MONDAY, February 4th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as chaplain.

On motion the reading of the journal of Saturday was dispensed with.

Pursuant to previous notice Mr. Jones introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain school funds;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The rules being waived, Mr. Simkins introduced without previous notice, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of F. L. Dancy, late Surveyor General, and for other purposes;

Which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Call introduced without previous notice, the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act to encourage and facilitate Internal Improvements and to authorize and regulate partnerships for that purpose;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the incorporation of Insurance Companies; and

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws;

Which being read a first time were placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

The rules being waived, Mr. Watlington introdnced without previous notice, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the public expenditure;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, February 2, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

Sir: I have approved and signed the following bills:

An act to change the name of Martha Anne Barnes to that of Mary Harriet McClelland;

An act for the relief of James C. McArthur, former Sheriff of Santa Rosa county;

An act to authorize and empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate;

An act restoring Isaiah Bird of Hamilton county to the right of suffrage and other privileges;

An act to repeal so much of the act approved Jan. 7, 1859, as consolidates the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor & Collector of Wakulla county;

An act to facilitate criminal prosecutions;

An act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company; and

An act concerning replevin.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb. 2d, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate and

House of Representatives:

The people of the State having declared themselves a sovereign and independent nation, the duty of providing by law proper measures for the defence of that sovereignty and independence is, by the Constitution, cast upon the Executive and Legislative branches of the Government of the State, and it is particularly my duty to call your attention to such matters as may seem to me to justify the belief that the State is in danger from any foe, and to call on you to unite with me in defending her from injury. The occurrences of the last two months sufficiently indicate, that this State and any others of the slaveholding States which have or yet may decide to separate from any political connection with the non-slaveholding States of the late American Union, will not be permitted to accomplish such separation in a peaceable manner, and that they must maintain the independence which they assert and claim to have the right to assume, by a show of force, perhaps by an actual resort to arms, however powerful may be the argument on which we rely to justify our separation. However much we may be convinced of our right to adopt the course which, as a people we have determined to pursue, to avert from us and our posterity the calamities which we feared would befall us and them from the continuance of a government, in a just share of the power of which we could not reasonably expect to enjoy—although the wrong and injuries we had experienced, without any adequate redress from the government of the United States were such as rendered the advantages we derived from it no adequate compensation for the evils to which it left us exposed; and although, we as a free, enlightened and christian people, have.

after long suffering, and expostulation with those who sought to injure us under the forms of legislation, and under the shield of the Union, have been driven to the exercise of the right to reassume to our State the powers delegated to the Federal Union of States which existed under the Constitution of the United States, which right is plain and incontestible by any of the principles upon which the independence of the American Colonies was placed by the illustrious men who framed and adopted the declaration of the reasons which governed the people of the Colonies in their action; yet it is manifest that the inhabitants of the non-slaveholding States are hardening their hearts against all signs and evidences which justify our exodus from among them, and that like Egyptians of old, they are not willing that we should depart in peace from our state of bondage, but in the spirit of the oppressor, they seek to tighten their grasp upon a people who have been to them an abundant source of profit and advantage, and are preparing their host to follow after and to return us to a captivity, the latter end of which must be worse than the first. Whilst President Buchanan has officially declared that he has no power to employ the military and naval forces under his control in any overt act of hostility against any of the States which have dissolved their connection with the late Federal Union—yet it is apparent that he supports officers of the army under his control in the hostile occupation of portions of the territory of this State, and our sister State of South Carolina—permits his General and members of his Cabinet to set on foot military expeditions against us, reinforce forts, order men-of-war to hover on our coast in hostile array, and has advised Congress to pass laws for the purpose of collecting revenue from imposts into our State by means of armed vessels. This conduct of President Buchanan, which is totally at war with our claim of independence and sovereignty, is not only recognized to be correct and supported by the Representatives of the non-slaveholding States sitting in Congress at Washington, and claiming to be the Congress of the United States, but they have, by speech and votes, manifested a firm resolve to disregard the act of the people done in Convention, dissolving the political ties which united us with the people whom they represent, and declare their purpose so soon as they can attain further power by the inauguration of a President elected by themselves, without the voice and in direct opposition to the will of our people, to use all the military and naval power which they may be enabled to acquire the possession and control of, to subjugate our people and those of the States concurring with us, and to compel us to submit to that government which we resolved to throw off because its further continuance menaced the destruction of our

rights and liberties. We have unmistakable evidence of every kind that is significant and reliable, that the people of the non-slaveholding States sustain the action and declared purposes of those whom they chose by a large majority of their voices to represent them and rule us. We have seen Legislatures of the great States of New York, Ohio and Massachusetts, passing resolutions pledging men and money to aid in fastening upon us again the chains with which they hope to attach us forever to a condition of bondage and vassalage to an unfriendly people. No friendly voice was lifted in the councils of these States to defend our action and to maintain our right to throw off a government which, in our opinions, no longer conferred on us those blessings of peace and domestic tranquility which it was founded to secure. No one was heard to utter that truth which our ancestors had inserted in their declaration of independence, "that all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." Of all the mighty thousands of Northern men whom we were beseeched to trust to as a sufficient means to guard us against the ruin which we foresaw in the impending ascendancy of the Black Republican party, not even a respectable minority in the Legislatures alluded to opposed their votes to such foul acts of unfriendly power. No lover of human liberty was heard to exclaim, wherever people calling themselves Republicans were, through their Representatives, offering to furnish the means to compel millions of their fellow men, their equals, and lately their fellow-citizens, to submit to a government under which they honestly believed they could not enjoy their admitted and just rights. No Burke, no Barre, no Fox declared against acts of tyranny, far more odious and cruel than those which a North and a Bute perpetrated under the authority of a crown, and which found illustrious patriots ready to denounce in the hearing of the mighty monarch who sat on the throne of Great Britain. We are not only assured that force of arms is to be employed to compel us to pass under the yoke of Black Republican rule, by the evidences I have alluded to, derived from legislative proceedings of the State Legislatures and of representative men in Congress from non-slaveholding States, but daily the press and the pulpit pour forth denunciations against our people and earnestly count the days yet to lapse when they fervently hope to see their representative man, Abraham Lincoln, enthroned at Washington in undisputed possession of all the machinery of government, supported by the military chieftain, who, like Napoleon at Paris, coolly and deliberately, without remorse or hesitancy, plants the cannon that is to mow down, at his word of command, his fellow-citizens, whom a love of liberty may urge to make an effort to save the tomb of Washington from remaining in the keeping of

those who have forgotten his precepts and have, by the organization of a sectional party, destroyed the Government and buried the spirit of the Constitution. We are forewarned of coming attacks upon our political and civil liberties, and shall we not be forearmed? We have yet heard but the mutterings of the thunder, but the storm is not afar off. It may pass by us, but let us be prepared to meet it firmly, and avert from our people the injury with which it threatens them. Let us remember the voice of that illustrious southerner, whose mortal remains lie entombed on the banks of the Potomac, who counselled us in "time of peace to prepare for war." Let us arm for the contest, and perchance, by a show of our force and our readiness for the combat, we may escape the realities of war. Already our brethren of the Southern States are arming—we too have made some preparation, but much remains undone. We see that even the slaveholding States of Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina, which have not yet cut loose the ties which connect them politically with the non-slaveholding States, are arming for the contest. In Virginia the people are ahead of the Legislature, and have, in their county meetings, empowered the county authorities to put the militia on a war footing, and have raised funds for the purchase of arms and ammunition. All these signs and tokens warn us to be ready to defend our rights. With the notes of hostile preparation sounding in our ears, with the example of our brethren (whose fate we must share) to stimulate us, is it not our duty to prepare to sustain, by our arms, what we have determined upon in our counsels?

We who were emulous of being foremost in dissolving the Union, should not be laggard in preparing for the contest. We have taken the field. Our flag is unfurled at Pensacola, where our gallant troops, standing shoulder to shoulder with the brave volunteers from our sister States, who, with a noble, generous chivalry, stand ready to obey our orders and co-operate with us most cordially in our time of need. Let us make provisions to keep them under arms and to call out and support them by others should they be needed. The State expects us to do our duty, the people will do theirs. I invite you therefore to lend me your aid and to unite with me in providing for the calling into service such a number of troops as may be equal to our defence, when assisted as we shall be by our sister States, who are preparing to unite their political fortunes with ours.

I also suggest to you that you should make special appropriations for the pay and maintenance of as many troops as may be called into service, and for the purchase of munitions of war, transportation of troops, and other expenses incidental to the defences of the State.

The States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina, which have dissolved their connection with the late federal Union, have elected delegates to meet with those sent from this State to the Convention to be held at Montgomery, Alabama, on the fourth day of this month, being the day suggested by a majority of the seceding States. We may expect, therefore, that the Convention will at an early day form a provisional government for the States represented, and call for troops and money from the confederates. The quota of Florida will not be large, but we should proceed to organize the force which we are likely to be called on to furnish, and appropriate the means necessary for the maintenance and pay of them and our quota of the expense of the common defence.

I am not able to lay before you an estimate of the amount necessary, but will readily confer with Committees of your bodies with a view to ascertain what sum of money may be required therefor. Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read, 500 copies ordered to be printed, and the same referred to the committee on the Militia, with instructions to confer with his Excellency the Governor, in relation thereto.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 2, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has refused to recede from the House amendments to the Senate bill entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State, and have appointed a committee of conference, consisting of the Judiciary committee of the House.

Respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read and the committee on the Judiciary appointed a committee to confer with the committee on the part of the House.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESETATIVES,
February 1st 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

Sir: The House has passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act concerning the office of Clerk of the Supreme Courts of this State;

House bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Elizabeth Lovett;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the road law, and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county, as amended;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county from Hewitts Bluff to that of Gay Hill, and for other purposes therein expressed, as amended;

Senate resolution relative to the Florida and Georgia boundary line;

House bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam, in this State;

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for a State uniform and flag, as amended;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the fees of Notaries Publics in certain cases;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a Ferry across the Withlacoochee river;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington county to establish a ferry across Holmes' creek;

Senate bill to be entitled an act combining the office of Sheriff and Tax Assessor of Jefferson county; and

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of Physicians who are summoned to attend Coroners Juries, approved January 11, 1855.

Very respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, the House bills read the first time by their titles and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow, and the amendments to the Senate bills concurred in, which, together with the Senate bills that had passed the House without amendment, ordered to be enrolled, and the same certified to the House of Representatives.

The rules being waived, Mr. Magbec moved that the bill establishing the county of Polk from Hillsborough and Brevard counties be placed first among the orders of the day;

Which was adopted.

The rules being waived, Mr. Davidson moved that the bill to be entitled an act to secure certain rights to married women, be taken up and placed among the orders of the day next to bill in regard to Polk County;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a company to construct a railroad from St. Andrews to some point on the Georgia and Alabama line in West Florida be placed third among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Ingram presented a petition from sundry citizens of Alachua county;

Which was laid upon the table.

Mr. Ingram offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That both Houses of this General Assembly will adjourn *sine die* on Friday, the 8th inst., at one o'clock, P. M.

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate and the chief Clerk of the House be, and they are hereby authorized to deliver the *engrossed copies of bills*, after they shall have been duly enrolled, to the Governor's Secretary, to be by him retained until the laws shall have been finally copied, and afterwards deposited in the office of the Secretary of State;

Which was read, the rules waived, and the resolution put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—15.

Nays—None.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to secure certain rights to married women;

A bill to be entitled an act requiring of Circuit Courts to set specific days for the trial of cases wherein three or more witnesses are subpœnaed;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Halstead H. Hoeg and assignees;

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Sheriffs costs for advertising their sales in the public gazettes of this State;

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the common school fund of Washington and Holmes counties;

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts;

A bill to be entitled an act repealing the usury laws;

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to sheriffs;

A bill to be entitled an act defining who shall be competent witnesses, and for other purposes;

A bill to be enitled an act to amend an act to provide for writs of error in criminal cases;

A bill to be entitled an act requiring Railroad Companies to maintain proper cattle guards and Railroad crossings;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hillsborough county to borrow money;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, Wm. J. Keyser and other owners of wharf property at Milton, in Santa Rosa county to establish and charge rates of wharfage;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Donald Cameron, Justice of the Peace for Leon County;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the criminal laws of this State and to provide for the punishment of abusive words; and

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent breaches of trust by Telegraph Operators.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Simkins, from the committee on enrolled bills, made the following report:

The committee on enrolled bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the La Villa Institute, near Jacksonville, Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Pilot laws of the port of Fernandina;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a remedy to enforce the lien of ship-wrights, ship-chandlers and others, against ships, vessels, steamboats, or other water crafts;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the time for holding the Circuit Courts of the Western Circuit; and

A bill to be entitled an act relating to foreign guardians.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Davidson from a select committee made the following report.

The committee to whom was referred resolutions in regard to the pay of the members of the General Assembly

REPORT

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend the passage of a bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of the members of the General Assembly, which is herewith offered as a substitute.

R. H. M. DAVIDSON, Chairman,
D. S. DAWKINS,
JOHN CHAIN,

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the amended Constitution of the State of Florida in relation to the sessions of the General Assembly;

Was read three several times and put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Duncan, Ingram, Magbee and Watlington—4.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 7th section of the 13th article of the Constitution of this State;

Was read three several times and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nay—Mr. Magbee—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to organize the county of Polk from the counties of Hillsboro and Brevard;

Was read the third time;

Mr. Rogers offered the following amendment to section eight:

Provided, however, that it shall be found by a census of said county, to be taken by order of the Governor, under the forms now prescribed by law for taking the general census of this State, the expense of taking such census to be borne by the said county, that its population is sufficient to entitle it to such representation; otherwise, it shall continue to vote for representative with the county of Hillsborough, until the next regular apportionment of representation; and said county shall constitute a part of the 20th Senatorial District of the State.

Which was adopted.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Duncan, Ingram and Jones—4.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to secure certain rights to married women:

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—12.

Nay—Mr. Brokaw—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a company to construct a Railroad from St. Andrew's Bay to some point on the line of Georgia or Alabama, in West Florida;

Was read the first time, the rules waved, read a second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of those States which have passed bank suspension and stay laws, from collecting debts in this State;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of Physicians who are summoned to attend Coroner's Juries, approved Jan. 11, 1855;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

House bill entitled an act to permit Erasmus Thompson of Hillsborough county, to practice law in the several Courts of this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—15.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the Volunteer forces of this State ;

Was read the second time and laid on the table.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company in relation to election of directors ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—15.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws in force in this State ;

Was read the second time, and on motion referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Jones and Dawkins.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the admission of Attorneys ;

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, the substitute recommended by the committee was laid on the table.

The rules being waived, the bill was then read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Davidson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Chain, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram and Watlington —5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to encourage the formation of mounted and cavalry companies in this State for military services;

Was read the second time, substitute recommended by the committee adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the representation of this State in the Southern Convention;

Was read the first time, the rules waived and read a second time.

Mr. Call offered to amend by adding the following additional section:

Be it further enacted, That should it become necessary after the adjournment of the General Assembly of this State, for them to choose any representatives to or other officers to the Provisional Government aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the Governor of this State to authorize the qualified voters of this State to designate by ballot the person or persons who shall be choosen as such representatives or officers, and the persons so designated as their choice by a plurality of the qualified voters of the State are hereby declared to be the choice of the General Assembly, and the Governor of the State is hereby authorized to commission the person so chosen, under the great seal of the State, as the choice of the General Assembly.

Which was adopted, and the bill as amended referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the militia forces in this State;

Was read the second time and the amendments proposed by the committee on the Militia, concurred in.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend the bill by striking out the seventh section;

Which was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the word "five" in section nine and insert the word "four;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call offered the following as a substitute for the fifteenth section;

Sec. 15. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever in case of actual invasion, or from any other cause, the military forces of this State shall be called into actual service, the lineal rank of all officers and their pay and emoluments shall correspond with the number of troops in the command, that is to say, an officer in command of sixty-four men, or less, shall rank as captain only and the rest in regular gradation and receive pay accordingly. If more than sixty-four men, and less than one hundred and twenty-eight are in the command the same shall be divided into two companies, and the highest in rank shall rank as a Major, and the residue in regular gradation.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers offered the following proviso to the substituted section just adopted :

Provided, however, that this section shall not be so construed as to reduce the lineal rank or pay of any Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Captain or Lieutenant, when such officer or officers shall have under his or their command the minimum number of men requisite to give to him or them, his or their legitimate rank from his or their own regiment, battalion or company;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Eppes moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "if any" in the third line of the seventeenth section and inserting "or" between the words "existence" and "herein" and inserting in the same line between the words "duties" and "herein" the words "heretofore and ;"

Which were adopted.

Mr. Eppes moved to amend by striking out the eighteenth section.

Which was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed as amended for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rules being waived, Mr. Davidson moved to take up the bill to be entitled an act for providing for carrying the mails;

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to amend the bill by striking out the word "nineteen" in the sixth line of the twentieth section, and add at the end of the section the words "in reference to carrying the mails;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Davidson moved to strike out the word "and" in the fourth line of the seventh section, and insert the words "and Tallahassee" after the word "Quincy" in the same line;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Eppes moved to amend by inserting in the second line of the sixth section after the word "Apalachicola" the word "Chattahoochee;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Magbee moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "Post Master at Key West;"

Which was lost.

Mr. Eppes moved to add the words "or the contractors refuse to perform their contract" at the end of the eighteenth section;

Which was adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed as amended for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act the further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to enable Railroad Companies to obtain the right of way;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring of Circuit Courts to set specific days for trial of causes wherein three or more witnesses are subpœnaed;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Duncun, Jones, McQueen and Watlington—9.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson, Ingram, Magbee, Rogers and Walker—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Holstead H. Hoeg, and assignees;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Duncan, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—12.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson and McQueen—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow sheriffs costs for advertising their sales in the public gazettes;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "or that is printed nearest thereto in the Judicial Circuit where said levy is made;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and Walker;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Davidson, Duncan, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Walker—8.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—7.

So said motion was lost, the rule requiring three-fourths to amend on the third reading.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Davidson, Duncan, Jones, Rogers and Walker—7.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Call the rules were waived and he moved an additional section to a bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, which was ordered to be engrossed to day, viz:

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That the said Railroad shall be and remain free from toll or other charge upon the transportation of any property or troops of the State of Florida, or of any other government legitimately succeeding to the power, rights and privileges of the late United States;

Which, together with the bill, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until half-past ten o'clock to morrow morning.

TUESDAY, February 5th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispened with.

On motion of Mr. Call, the rules were waived so as to allow the committees on Engrossed Bills and Enrolled Bills to report at any time.

Mr. McQueen asked that the rules be waived, that he might make a motion;

Which was adopted.

Mr. McQueen moved to reconsider the vote upon the bill to be entitled an act to allow sheriffs costs for advertising their sales in the public gazettes;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved that the bill be placed back upon its second reading;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call from the Judiciary committee made the following report:

The joint Judiciary committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act prescribing the form of an oath of allegiance, have had the same under consideration and instructed us to

REPORT

A substitute for the original bill, and recommend that the substitute do pass.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, the substitute adopted in lieu of the original, read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled Bills begs leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road law and repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county herein named;

A bill to be entitled an act combining the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor of Jefferson county;

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the fees of Notaries Public in certain cases;

A bill to be entitled an act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a a ferry across the Withlacoochee river;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county from Hewitt's Bluff to that of Cerro Gorda and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners to establish a ferry across Holmes creek; and

Resolution relating to the Florida and Georgia boundary line.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Which was read.

Mr. Call from the joint Judiciary committee made the following report:

The Joint Judiciary Committee recommend the passage of the following bills:-

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the representation of this State in the Southern Confederation;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the maintenance of the Light houses on the sea board;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the punishment of those persons who pretend to hold offices in this State not recognized by the laws thereof, and for other purposes; and

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of those States which have passed bank suspension and stay laws from collecting debts in this State.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and read, and on motion of Mr. Call, the bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Brokaw from the committee on Claims and Accounts made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred a resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin, beg leave to make the following

REPORT:

They have had the same under consideration, and upon examination believe the same to be correct and just, and recommend the passage of the resolution.

P. B. BROKAW,
For Committee.

Which was received and read and the resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ingram from a select committee made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from penning or detaining stock without the consent of the owner, in Nassau county, have had the same under consideration, and offer a substitute in lieu of the original, and recommend its passage.

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on engrossed bills, made the following report:

The committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Commerce;

A bill to be entitled an act to encourage the formation of mounted and cavalry companies in this State for military service; and

A bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

T. INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the Common School Fund of Washington and Holmes counties;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Walker—10.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson, Magbee, and Rogers—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act repealing the Usury Laws;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins and Simkins—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Walker—8.

So the said bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to Sheriffs;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—11.

Nays—Messrs. Dawkins, and Walker—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act defining who shall be competent witnesses, and for other purposes;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones and Simkins—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Davidson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Walker—8.

So said bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for writs of error in criminal cases;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act requiring Railroad Companies to maintain proper cattle guards and Railroad crossings;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hillsborough county to borrow money;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, Wm. J. Keyser and other owners of wharf property, at Milton, Santa Rosa county, to establish and charge rates of wharfage;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Donald Cameron, Justice of the Peace for Leon county;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the criminal laws of this State and to provide for the punishment of abusive words;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Rogers offered the following as a substitute for the bill:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, That from and after the passage of this act, any abusive words may be introduced in evidence in indictment for assault and assault and battery, and may in the discretion of the jury be deemed and taken to be a justification for such assault or assault and battery.

Which was adopted.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—12.

Nay—Mr. Davidson—1.

So said bill passed.

Mr. Rogers moved to substitute the following for the title of the bill:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to evidence in cases of assault and assault and battery;

Which was adopted.

Ordered that the passage of the bill be certified to the House of Representasives.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent breaches of trust by Telegraph Operators;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of members of the General Assembly;

Was read the second time.

The substitute, proposed by the committee, was adopted in lieu of the original.

The rules were then waived and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act extending the time for making demands on Railroad Companies for stock killed or injured, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time, rules waived, read a third time by its title and put upon its pasage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to locate the county site of Levy county;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to regulate fishing on the coast of Florida;

Was read the second time and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Watlington, Dawkins and Call.

The rules being waived, Mr. Dawkins from the committee on Internal Improvements made the following report:

The committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a company to construct a railroad from St. Andrews to some point on the line of Georgia and Alabama in West Florida, propose the following amendments: Strike out the word "one" and insert the word "ten" in the nineteenth line of section three, strike out the word "five" and insert "ninety" in the tenth line of section five, and strike out all after the words "printed in" in the sixteenth line of the same section and insert "in West Florida on the line of said road," strike out the same words in the twelfth and thirteenth lines and insert as above; strike out section eighteen and insert the following:

Be it further enacted, That in so far as the route of said railroad shall be within the line or routes laid down in section four of the act entitled an act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved January 6th, 1855, the said company shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits of the said act, and for the residue of the route of said railroad not so embraced by the provisions of said section four, the alternate sections of the swamp and overflowed lands for six miles on each side shall become the property of said railroad company in the mode and manner pointed out by the 29th section of the said above recited act.

Strike out section nineteen.

With which amendments your committee recommend the passage of the bill.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, the amendments proposed by the committee concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for carrying the mails.

Very respectfully,
TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chm'n Com. on Engrossed bills.

Which was received and read.

On motion of Mr. Ingram, the rules were waived and the bill read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws in the counties of Leon and Gadsden;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an Act to incorporate the Town of Monticello, Jefferson county, in this State;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read a second and third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize Henry C. Grooven stine to plead and practice law;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Rogers offered the followed amendment:

Strike out all after "provided he" in first section, and insert "shall comply with the requirements of the law in relation to the admission of Attorneys, in force at the time his application shall be made."

Which was adopted, and the bill ordered fot a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Wm. J. Parker, Sheriff of Suwannee county;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

House bill to be entitled an act making Capt. Simeon Sparkman a citizen of Columbia county;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for a stay of executions;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Rogers and Watlington—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Walker—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Building and Saving Association;

Was read the third time and passed over informally to come up on its third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of T. C. Bolling, administrator of the estate of R. A. Child, deceased;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Davidson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, and Walker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins and Jones—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws of Nassau county;

Was read the second time, the rules waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George D. Holt and Thaddeus Rees of Wakulla county;

Was read the second time, the rules waived, read a third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be be entitled an act to regulate the compensation of pilots at the port of St. Marks;

Was read the second time, the rules waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—14.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William H. Fannin.

Was read a second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
February 4th, 1861. }

HON. T. J. EPPES:

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bills, viz :

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of Measurers and Inspectors, and for other purposes;

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning roads and highways in St. John's county in this State;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the town of Marianna, approved January 8th, 1853;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the servacies of civil process in certain cases;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking of the marks and brands of cattle driven or shipped from the counties of Sumter, Hillsborough and Manatee;

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys ;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine to be located at St. Angustine ;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City, as amended ;

Senate resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis, of Alachua county;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola; and

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Ellis W. Hawkins, of Santa Rosa county.

Respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was received and read and the Senate bills which had passed the House without amendment, ordered to be enrolled, and the House bills read the first time by their titles, and bills placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Magbee moved that the House amendments to a bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City be concurred in.

Mr. Call moved as a substitute for Mr. Magbee's motion, that the bill be passed over informaliy until to morrow;

Upon the adoption of the substitute the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Call;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—11.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, and Magbee—3.

So the motion prevailed.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the motion to postpone indefinitely;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—12.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw and Magbee—2.

So the motion prevailed, and the bill was passed over informally.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that a committee of five had been appointed on the part of the House to confer with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, to wait upon and confer with His Excellency the Governor on the measures that may be necessary to defend the State of Florida.

Mr. Call moved that the militia committee to whom was referred the Governor's special message, with authority to confer with the Governor, be also authorized to confer with the select committee of the House, to whom the same message was referred.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved that a committee of three be appointed to inform the House that the special message of His Excellency, the Governor, was referred by the Senate to the committee on the militia, with instructions to confer with His Excellency the Governor, and to act with any committee of the House to which said message might be referred in relation thereto;

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Rogers, Dawkins, and Jones appointed said committee, who retired and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been apoointed a committee by the House to inform the Senate that the House had passed a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make temporary arrangements to meet the present expenses of the State;

Which resolution was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 5, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR:—The amendments proposed by the committee of conference on a Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State, have this day been adopted by the House.

Respectfully,
A. J. PEELER
Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, the amendments proposed by the committee of conference concurred in, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

Resolution in relation to adjournment;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment:

Provided if any called session of the General Assembly should be rendered necessary by such premature adjournment, there shall be no mileage allowed to members for attending said session, and that until the first of April, or until it shall be definitely ascertained whether such session be necessary, the mileage of members for this session be left in the Treasury.

Which was adopted.

The resolution was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad charter;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major-General in the army of Florida;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the militia.

A bill to be entitled an act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed;

Was read a second time.

Mr. Magbee moved its indefinite postponement;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and Walker;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Davidson, and Magbee—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—12.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Magbee moved that the bill be re-referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Davidson and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, Walker and Watlington—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, McQueen and Simkins—5.

So the motion prevailed and the bill was re-referred.

On motion Messrs. Ingram and Jones were added to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company;

Was read the second time.

Pending which, on motion the Senate took a recess until half-past three o'clock, P. M.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida & Georgia Railroad Company;

Was taken up:

Mr. Call moved that the amendments proposed by the committee on Corporations be concurred in;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Call offered to further amend by striking out "one dollar" in the 8th line of section 3 and inserting "ten dollars in gold or silver coin or the bills of solvent banks;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and Call;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Walker—9.

Nays—Messrs. Chain, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—4.

So the amendment was adopted.

The bill as amended, was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklocknee river, for the purpose of erecting a mill;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Magbee moved to amend by inserting the word "dam" after "a" in the second section;

Which was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nay—Mr. Davidson—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for holding the terms of the Supreme Court at the seat of government;

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Call laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judge of Probate of Washington and Holmes county to draw certain school funds;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the public expenditure;

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from penning or detaining stock without the consent of the owner in Nassau, Alachua and St. Johns county;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Walker moved to add "Wakulla;"

Which was adopted.

The rules were then waived and the bill read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—12.

Nay—Mr. Baldwin—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make temporary arrangements to meet the present expenses of the State;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second time and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

A bill to be entitled an act to encourage the formation of mounted and cavalry companies in this State for military service;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Commerce;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Magbee moved to amend by striking out "twenty-thousand" whenever it occurs and inserting "one hundred thousand;"

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the republication of certain laws;

Was read the second time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to encourage and facilitate internal improvements, to authorize and regulate partnerships for that purpose;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM,

Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of insurance companies;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of F. L. Dancy, late Survyeor General and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act defining the condition of free negroes and other persons of color,

Was read the second time and on motion indefinitely postponed;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of physicians who are summoned to attend coroner's juries, approved January 11, 1855;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Walker and Watlington—10.

Nay—Mr. Ingram.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act concerning the office of Clerk of the Supreme Court of this State;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Elizabeth Lovett;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in part or in whole by steam, in this State;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary;

A bill to be entitled an act to allow costs to Sheriffs for advertising their sales in the public gazettes of this State;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "or that is printed nearest thereto in the Judicial Circuit."

Pending the adoption of which, Mr. Eppes moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Which was agreed to.

On motion the vote indefinitely postponing the bill was reconsidered, and the bill was taken up and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Call moved to reconsider the vote indefintely postponing the bill entitled an act defining the condition of free negroes and other persons of color;

Which was agreed to.

The question then recurred on the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Rogers and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Magbee and Watlington—6.

Nays—Messss. Baldwin, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Walker—9.

So the Senate refused to indefinitely postpone, and on motion, the bill was taken up and passed over informally, to come up on its second reading on to-morrow.

House resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin;

Was read a second time, rules waived, read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Davidson, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Dawkins, Ingram, Jones and Walker—5.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act re-organizing the Military forces in this State;

Was read the second time, and on motion, passed over informally to come up on its second reading on to-morning.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning half-past 10 o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, February 6th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjourment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, amended and approved.

On motion of Mr. Call, Mr. Walker was excused from attendance on the Senate until Tuesday next.

Mr. Baldwin moved to withdraw the bill which passed at the second reading in this House yesterday, entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company from the Senate;

Upon the adoption of which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Davidson and Jones—6.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—7.

So said motion was lost.

The rules being waived, Mr. Abercrombie introduced without previous notice;

A bill to be entitled an act supplemental to an act to establish the Planters' and Merchant's Bank of Pensacola;

Which was read the fist time, rule waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, Walker and Watlington—16.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Call moved that the Secretary be authorized to employ an Assistant Engrossing Clerk at a cost of not more than four dollars per day;

Which was adopted.

Mr. McQueen from the joint committee on the Militia, made the following report:

The joint committee on the Militia to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the militia and patrol laws of this State, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the bill back to the Senate and recommend its passage with the following amendment, after the word "State" in the eighth line of the first section add the words "approved December, 22d, 1859."

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman Senate Com.
JOS. JNO. WILLIAMS,
Chairman of House Committee.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee on the Militia to whom was referred a resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major General in the army of Florida, have considered the same, and have instructed me to report the resolution back to the Senate, for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman Senate Com.
JOS. JNO. WILLIAMS,
Chairman House Com.

Which report was received and read, and the resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call from the committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

The Joint Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to reduce the costs of criminal proceedings, have had the same under consideration, and instructed us to

REPORT

Amendments, and ask that the amendments be adopted and this bill do pass.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the Orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and peremptory challenges in criminal cases, have had the same under consideration and instructed us to

REPORT

A substitute in lieu of the original, and recommend the passage of the substitute.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read, and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Judiciary Committee recommend that the following bills do pass viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to declare who are citizens of the State of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to encourge and facilitate Internal Improvements and to authorize and regulate partnerships for that purpose;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the incorporation of Insurance Companies;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Satrene Ramirez and other inhabitants of Escambia county; and

A bill to be entitled an act transferring causes from the late District Court to the Circuit Court.

The same committee recommend that the following bills do not pass, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the office of Indian agent; and

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of Probate and county Commissioners of New River county to draw and select Grand Jurors.

The same committee report without recommendation the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Sheriffs costs for advertising their sales in the public gazettes of this State;

A bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and peremptory challenge in criminal cases;

A bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam in this State; and

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the obtaining of the record books and dockets required by law for the Clerks of the Circuit Courts offices of this State, and for other purposes.

G. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee from the committee on Ways and Means, made the following report:

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issue of Treasury notes, also House bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida, have instructed me to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend that the House bill be substituted for the Senate bill, and that the said House bill be passed with the amendments hereunto submitted.

JAMES T. MAGBEE.
Chairman.

Which report was received and read, and 80 copies of the bill ordered to be printed, as reported by the committee, and ordered to come up on its second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Baldwin from the committee on Claims and Accounts made the following report :

The committee on Claims and Accounts to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Wm. J. Parker, Sheriff of Suwannee county, have had the same under consideration, and authorize me to

REPORT

That the said Parker stands charged in the Comptroller's Office in the awount of $388 50, being fines charged against one Wm. Cason, convicted of manslaughter, and the expenses of the prosecution. But by order of the Court the said prisoner Cason was transferred to the Sheriff of Columbia county, who has given his receipt to said Parker, and as no fines have been collected by the said Parker, your cammittee recommend the passage of the accompanying bill for his relief.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Dawkins, from the committee on Internal Improvements made the following report :

The committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to enable Railroad Companies to obtain the right of way, have examined the same, and seeing no objection thereto, recommend its passage.

D. C. DAWKINS,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Watlington from a Select Committee made the following report :

The committee to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an oct to regulate fishing on the coast of Florida, have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage.

F. WATLINGTON,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on engrossed bills made the following report :

The committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled :

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain school funds;

A resolution relative to adjournment of both Houses of the General Assembly;

A bill to be entitled an act for the punishment of those persons who pretend to hold offices in this State not recognized by the laws thereof and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the representation of this State in the Southern Confederation; and

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of those States which have passed bank suspension and stay laws from collecting debts in this State.

Respectfully submitted,

T. INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Davidson moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the House and request the return of the bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklochnee river for the purpose of erecting a mill;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Davidson, Magbee and Jones, were appointed said committee, who retired, and after a short abscence returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of those States which have passed bank suspension and stay laws from collecting debts in this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—11.

Nay—Mr. Baldwin—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certived to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the representation of this State in the Southern Confederacy;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Resolution relative to the adjournment of both Houses of the General Assembly;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Ingram moved to strike out the proviso;

Upon the adoption of which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Rogers and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen and Rogers—9.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain and Watlington—3.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Chain moved that "Friday the 8th," be stricken out and "Thursday the 14th" be inserted;"

Which was adopted.

The resolution was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones and Magbee—7.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, McQueen and Watlington—5.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and returned a bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklocknee river for the purpose of erecting a mill.

A bill to be entitled an act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Magbee, and Watlington—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain school funds;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act for the punishment of those persons who pretend to hold offices in this State not recognized by the laws thereof, and for other purposes;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 16th section of an act entitled an act to amend the Militia and Patrol laws of this State;

Was read the second time, the amendments proposed by the committee on the Militia concurred in, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major General in the army of Florida;

Was read the second time, and on motion, passed over informally.

A bill to be entitled an act to reduce the costs of Criminal Prosecutions;

Was read the second time, the amendments proposed by the committee on the Judiciary concurred in, and the bill as amended, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to encourage and facilitate Internal Improvements, and to authorize and regulate partnerships for that purpose;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment:

Strike out all after the word "requires" in the eighth line of the first section, and insert "that the general partners in such partnership association shall be the managers thereof, and authorized to contract debts therefor, be and the same is hereby repealed, and such partnership associations shall choose from time to time three or more managers, who shall be exclusively entrusted with the man-

agement of its affairs and solely authorized to contract debts, which shall be binding upon the same."

Which was adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed, as amended, for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the obtaining of the record books and dockets required by law for the Clerks of the Circuit Courts officers of this State, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Chain and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Ingram, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Jones, and Watlington——5.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

House bill to be entitled an act to regulate fishing on the coast of Florida;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Eppes offered the following as an additional section:

Sec. 10. *Be it further enacted*, That the money collected under this act, so far as the same relates to the county of Franklin and the bay, harbour and rivers in said county, be, and the same is hereby exclusively appropriated to the city of Appalachicola, for clearing out or otherwise improxing the channel at said city or for other harbor purposes, and the Tax Assessors and Collectors, or the Sheriff, in said county, as the case may be, are hereby instructed, from time to time, to pay over said money as collected, to the Treasurer of said city to be applied by the Mayor and Council of said city as in this section provided.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ingram moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, and Watlington—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones and Simkins—8.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment to the bill:

After the word "county," in the fifth line of the fourth section, insert "as far as the same may be necessary for harbor improve-

ments, under the direction of the Commissioners of Pilotage for the port of said county ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr Chain offered the following amendment :

And Escambia county shall be and is hereby put upon the same footing as that of Franklin county with regard to the provisions of this act;

Mr. Call moved to add "Nassau, St. Johns, Duval, Monroe, Dade, Washington, Levy, Lafayette, Taylor, and Madison counties ;"

Both of which motions was lost.

The bill was then ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam in this State ;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment :

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That the State of Florida shall be divided into two inspection districts, one of which shall commence at Cape Florida and extend to the West boundary of the State, and the other at Cape Florida and extend to and include the St. Mary's river on the north boundary of the State, and in each of said districts there suall be two inspectors, one of whom shall be located and reside in the city of Apalachicola, who shall be appointed by the Judge of the State Admiralty Court at Key West, and who shall perform all the duties by acts of the late Congress devolved upon the Inspectors of Hulls and Boilers, and receive the fees by law established for those officers.

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the Judge of the State Admiralty Court at Key West shall be authorized to perform all the duties devolved upon the Judges of the United States District Court in their respective distcicts, and also those devolved upon Supervision Inspectors by the act of Congress entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam and for other purposes, which was approved August 30, 1852, and by the several acts of Congress lately of force in this State having reference to the same subject.

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the Congress of any Confederation of which Florida may become a part, shall have power to alter, repeal or amend this act.

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended, was then put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and peremptory challenges in criminal cases;

Was read the second time and the substitute proposed by the joint Judiciary committee adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the words "half the number of," and insert the word "four" in the third section;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the first section by adding the following proviso:

"Provided, however, that no such writ of error or appeal shall be taken by the Attorney General, unless the recommendation be accompanied by the certificate of the Solicitor, and two other practising Attorneys, that in their opinion some important point of criminal law affecting the result of the case, decided adversely to the prosecution has been erroneously decided by the Court."

Which was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the word "criminal" in the third section, and after the word "cases" insert "of felony."

Which was lost.

Mr. Call offered the following, to be added at the end of the first section:

"But it shall be lawful for any defendent in whose case, after acquittal, an appeal has been taken to present a copy of the records to any Judge of the Supreme Court, and if on inspection said Judge of the Supreme Court shall deem the appeal improperly taken, he shall so certify and thereupon the same shall be dismissed."

Which was adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed, as amended, for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate took a recess untill half-past 3 o'clock this evening.

HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of Probate and County Commissioners of New River county to draw and select grand jurors;

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Call, indefinitely postponed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act transferring causes from the late District Courts to the Circuit Courts;

Was read the second time, and on motion, the amendments proposed by the Judiciary committee concurred in and the bill referred to the Judiciary committee.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Satrene Remirez and others, inabitants of the county of Escambia;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the follow bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of F. L. Dancy, late Surveyor General and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing the form of an oath of allegiance; and

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the maintenance of light houses on the seaboard.

Respectfully submitted,

T. INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bills placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Chain moved to amend the bill by inserting after the word "agent" in the third section, the words "or agents."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Davidson moved to strike out the words "five thousand" and insert instead thereof, "twenty-five hundred;"

Which was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of Insurance Companies;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Eppes moved its indefinite postponement;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Eppes;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Davidson and Jones—3.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—11.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. McCall, the bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City was taken up, and a committee consisting of Messrs. McCall, Simkins and McQueen were appointed to wait upon the House, when in session, and ask it to recede from its amendments.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin, the bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Building and Saving Association;

Was taken up, read the third and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nay—Mr. McCall—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered hat the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call offered to amend by adding the following additional section:

Be it further enacted, That any citizen of any county may defend any suit against the same, and on the trial of said suit may plead any plea which denies the validity of the debt alleged against said county, and it shall be the duty of the Court at the hearing of any such case, to decide upon the right of the Judge of Probate, county Commissioners, or other parties by whom the county debt was contracted, to bind said county.

Which was adopted, and the bill as amended, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. McCall, the bill to be entitled an act defining the condition of Free Negroes and other persons of color;

Was taken up and read a second time.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the eighth section by inserting between the words "State" and "shall" the words "other than those provided for in the second section of this act;"

Mr. Baldwin offeered a substitute to Mr. Rogers' amendment, a substitute to the whole bill;

Mr. Dawkins moved the indefinite postponement of the bill and substitute;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Rogers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Bawkins, Davidson, Jones and Watlington—10.

Nays—Messrs. Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers aud Simkins—5.

So the bill and substitute was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Call moved to reconsider the vote just taken indefinitely postponing the bill, and to lay the motion to reconsider on the table and on this he called the previous question;

Upon which the yoas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Baldwin;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones and Watlington—10.

Nays—Messrs. Ingram, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins–5.

So the previous question was sustained.

The question then recurred upon laying the bill upon the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Call and Baldwin;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones and McCall—11.

Nays—Messrs. Ingram, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—4.

So the bill was laid upon the table.

On motion the Senate adjourned until half-past 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

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THURSDAY, February 7th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, amended and approved.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESETATIVES,
February 6th 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

Sir: The House has passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library;

A bill to be entitled an act for the security of the citizens of this State transacting business with foreign corporations;

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to crimes and misdemeanors;

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the fees of Port Wardens of the city of Apalachicola and for other purposes;

A bill to be antitled an act to provide for the election of Tax Assessor and Collector for Sumpter county and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate pilotage of St. Johns bar;

A bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the several banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller;

A Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12th, 1849;

A Senate bill to be entitled an act to relieve the town council of the town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said town and for other purposes;

A Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Alzerotte;

A Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. James D. Smith;

A Senate bill to be entitled an act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau county in certan cases as amended; and

A Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others, passed as amended.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read.

On motion the Senate bills which had passed the House without amendment were ordered to be enrolled, and the House bills read the first time by their titles and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

On motion the amendments of the House to the Senate bills were concurred in, and the bills ordered to be enrolled as amended, and the same ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 6, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua county Railroad Company;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Blunt Ferry Railroad Company;

A bill to be entitled an act for the defence of the Port of Apalachicola;

A Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola;

A Senate bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Chipola river and other purposes;

A Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county;

A Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Light Company;

A Senate bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Weekiver creek and Clay Spring Run creek and to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said streams;

A Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James McCormick; also

A resolution relative to the State Library.

Very respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, the Senate bills ordered to be enrolled, and the House bills read the first time by their titles and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee from the committee on engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on engrossed bills report the following bill as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the incorporation of Insurance Companies.

JAS. T. MAGBEE,
For committee.

Which was received and read and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee, from the committee on Ways and Means, made the following report:

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the public expenditure,

REPORT:

That the House bill providing for the issue of Treasury notes which your committee has reported with amendments, supplies the wants provided for in this bill, they therefore instruct me to return the bill, and ask leave to be discharged from further consideration thereof.

JAMES T. MAGAEE,
Chairman.

Which report was receivd and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to increase the taxes, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to

REPORT

The same back to the Senate without amendment, and to recommend its passage. In this recommendation I must however, with due respect to the committee, enter my dissent.

JAMES T. MAGBEE,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The committee on Ways and Means to whom was referred a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make temporary arrangements to meet the present expenses of the State, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to

REPORT

The resolution back with amendment and recommend that it do pass.

J. T. MAGBEE,
Chairman.

Which was received, read and the bill ordered to be placed first among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call from the committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

The Judiciary committee report the bill to be entitled an act transferring causes from the late District Court to the Circuit Court, with amendments, and recommend its passage.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Baldwin from the committee on Claims and Accounts made the following report:

The committee on Claims and Accounts to whom was referred a resolution to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to

REPORT

That the said Whitner was appointed to this service by the Governor in 1859, and in a letter of the date of 5th September of that year, in speaking of the compensation for the service, the Governor says: "It is to be determined by the Legislature, which I feel confident will be equal to that paid by Georgia to the surveyor appointed by the Governor to co-operate with you, or to that paid you by the State to run the boundary line between the States of Florida and Alabama;" and in reply to the other, on the date of the 16th of the same month, Col. Whitner says that the rate allowed on the former survey will be satisfactory to him.

The service was rendered, and from an account current presented by the said Whitner, the cost of the outfit and expenses of the survey on the part of Florida, was $1,053.77, and from the sale of mules, &c., belonging to the expedition, there was realized $520.95 leaving $553.82 to be provided for as the outfit and expenses of the expedition. To which is to be added the sum of $2,500 for his own services as surveyor, making then an aggregate of $3,033.82 to be provided for by the Legislature. Of this sum there has already been ordered to the said Whitner by the Governor, $1,500, leaving now due to him the sum of $1,533.82.

The bill should return the amount of $3,033.82, deducting there from the sum of $1,500 which has already been received by him,

and your committee offer the accompanying bill as a substitute for the House bill, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee from a select committee made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to repeal in part the laws prohibiting intercourse with the Indians, have had the same under consideration and

REPORT

That they are not satitfied that the act which said bill seeks to repeal in part should be any way changed or altered; your committee therefore recommend that the bill do not pass.

JAS. T. MAGBEE,
E. C. SIMKINS.

Which was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act for the government of the military forces of this State, and asked the concurrence of the Senate in the same;

Which bill was received and placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

House Resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make temporary arrangements to meet the present expenses of the State;

Was read the third time, and on motion the amendments reported by the committee adopted.

Mr. Call offered the following amendments:

After the word "State," 5th line, insert "by and with the approbation of the Governor of this State." Add to the end of bill "provided that not more than after the rate of 8 per cent. per annum be paid for the use of said money." After the word "State" in 7th line insert "or with any other person or corporations." In 10th and 12th lines strike out "he is" and insert "they are;"

Which were adopted.

The rules were then waived, the resolution read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—13.

Nay—Mr. Watlington—1.

So said resolution passed.

Mr. Call moved to amend the title of the resolution:

Which was agreed to and the same ordered to be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the incorporation of Insurance companies;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the follow-bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a company to construct a railroad from St. Andrews to some point on the line of Georgia or Alabama in West Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws; and

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the public expenditure;

Was read the second time and on motion laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the taxes;

Which was read the second time.

Mr. Chain moved to strike out the first section;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen and Watlington—9.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Jones, McCall and Simkins—6.

So said motion was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved to reconsider the vote just taken on striking out.

Mr. Chain moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table;

Which was lost.

The question then recurred upon the motion to reconsider;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Chain and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—13.

Nays—Messrs. Chain, Ingram and Watlington—3.

So said motion was adopted.

Mr. Davidson moved to amend by striking out "twenty-five" and inserting "twenty" in the first section;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Davidson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Davidson, Ingram, Jones and Magbee—7,

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—9.

So said motion was lost.

On motion the bill was then passed over informally.

The committee appointed on yesterday to return to the House a bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City, and ask them to recede from their amendments thereto, reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

A bill to be entitled an act transferring causes from the late District Courts to the Circuit Courts;

Was read the second time, the amendments of the Judiciary committee concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed, as amended, for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

Was read the second time, the substitute proposed by the committee on Claims and Accounts adopted, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to repeal in part the laws prohibiting intercourse with the Indians;

Was read the second time, and on motion, laid upon the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a company to constuct a Railroad from St. Andrew's to some point on the line of Georgia and Alabama in West Florida;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones and Watlington—8.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Magbee, and McQueen—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode for instituting suits against counties;

Was passed over informally and ordered to be re-engrossed to come up on its third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to declare who are citizens of the State of Florida;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend by striking out "five years" in section three, and inserting "three years."

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Ingram and Rogers.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin and Brokaw—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—10.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Wm. J. Parker of Suwannee county;

Was read the second time, the rules waived, read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of F. L. Dancy, late Surveyor General, and for other purposes;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the maintainance of the Light houses on the sea board;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Rogers, Simkins, and Watlington—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing the form of an oath of allegiance;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—None.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the act to incorporate the town of Marianna, approved Jan. 8, 1853;

Was read the second time, rules waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking of the marks and brands of cattle driven from the counties of Sumter, Hillsboro' and Manatee;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the service of civil process in certain cases:

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act concerning the office of Clerk of the Supreme Court of this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Call moved that the rules be waived and he be permitted to introduce without previous notice a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company, and that the same be read a first, second and third time by its title;

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company;

Was read the first, second and third times and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Elizabeth Lovett;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nay—Mr. Baldwin—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws in the counties of Leon and Gadsden;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize Henry C. Grooven-stine to plead and practice law;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act making Capt. Simeon Sparkman a citizen of Columbia county;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Wm. H. Fannen;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the Military forces of this State;

Was passed over informally and made the special order for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Militia laws now in force in this State;

Was passed over informally and made the special order for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to enable Railroad Companies to obtain the right of way;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Watltngton—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to regulate fishing on the coast of Florida;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones and Simkins—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, McQueen and Watlington—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major General in the army of Florida;

Was passed over informally and made the special order for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Satrene Remerez and others, inhabitants of Escambia county;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones and Watlington—8.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the office of Indian Agent

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Call, indefinitely postponed.

House bill to be entitled an act to for the government of the Miliary forces of the State of Florida;

Was passed over informally and made the special order for to-morrow.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until half-past 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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FRIDAY, February 8th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with.

Mr. Magbee moved that the Senator from the 18th District be excused from attendance on the Senate on to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. McCall moved that a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the state of the Republic of Florida;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. McCall, Chain, and Brokaw appointed said committee.

Mr. Abercrombie gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introdnce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to clean out and improve the navigation of Escambia River in West Florida.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
February, 7, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act respecting the sale of vinous or spirituous liquor to slaves or free persons of color;

A resolution relative to the adjournment of the Legislature of this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide the mode and manner of giving notice in actions of ejectment;

A bill to be entitled an act regulating wharfage in the city of Apalachicola;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate an Insurance Company in the city of Apalachicola, to be called the Florida Home Insurance Company;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the county Commissioners of Hillsborough county to borrow money;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, Wm. J. Keyser, and other owners of Wharf property at Milton, in Santa Rosa county, to establish and charge rates of Wharfage; and

Senate bill to be entitled an act requiring Railroad companies to maintain proper cattle guards and railroad crossings.

The following Senate bill was lost in the House:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of members of the General Assembly.

Very respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read, the Senate bills and resolution ordered to be enrolled, and the House bills ordered to be placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 16th section of an act entitled an act to amend the Militia and Patrol laws of this State, approved December 22, 1859; and

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to encourage and facilitate Internal Improvements, and regulate partnerships for that purpose;

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Brokaw introduced the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That all defaults and other offences committed under the militia act, approved December 22d, 1859, and which are not yet prosecuted under said act, may be inquired into and punished by a proper court martial organized for that purpose.

Be it further resolved, That all fines collected or which shall be collected hereafter for any offences committed against the militia laws of this State by any member or members of any volunteer company, shall be received by and enure to the benefit of the volunteer company collecting said fines.

Which was read the first time, the rules waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Call introduced a resolution for the relief of A. B. Noyes and others;

Which was read the first time, the rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—15.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

On motion a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, McCall and Abercrombie, was appointed to certify the same to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Call introduced a resolution for the benefit of the College of St. Augustine;

Which was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—15.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The committee appointed to certify the passage of a resolution for the relief of A. B. Noyes and others, returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

The rules being waived, Mr. McCall introduced without previous notice the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to create an efficient Military force for the State of Florida;

Which was read the first and second times by its title and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day to be taken up in committee of the Whole.

Mr. Brokaw from the committee on the State of the Commonwealth, made the following report:

The committee on the State of the Commonwealth to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a Railroad, have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report said bill back to the Senate with amendments and to ask that the same do pass.

P. B. BROKAW,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The rules being waived, Mr. Magbee moved that a bill to be entitled an act to repeal in part the laws prohibiting intercourse with the Indians, be taken up;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was then read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Pettit Jurors in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Light Company;

A bill to be entitled an act concerning Pilotage for the Port of Cedar Keys;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the City o Fernandina;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine to be located at St. Augustine;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola;

A bill to be entitled an act to providing for a State uniform and flag;

A bill to be entitled an act concerning roads and highways in St. Johns county, in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of Measurers and Inspectors and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Alzerotte;

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Ellis W. Hawkins of Santa Rosa county;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. James D. Smith; and

Resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis, of Alachua county.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Which was received and read.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad Company;

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws;

A bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and pre-emptory challenges in criminal cases.

Very respectfully,

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chm'n Com. on Engrossed bills.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar of the Senate, and requested the return to the House of a resolution fixing the pay of the members of the General Assembly.

A committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. Ingram, Baldwin and Brokaw, to return said resolution to the House, who retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the raising of two regiments of Infantry and one of Cavalry or Mounted Riflemen, and asked the concurrence of the Senate in the same;

Which bill was received and read the first time by its title, and ordered to be placed among the orders to be taken up in the Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Mr. Call the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, for the consideration of the following bills and resolution—Mr. Chain in the Chair:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the militia laws now in force in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act for the government of the military forces of the State of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State.

Resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major-General in the army of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act to create an efficient military force for the State of Florida; and

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the raising of two regiments of Infantry and one of Cavalry or Mounted Riflemen;

After some time spent therein, the committee rose and through their Chairman reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

On motion the Senate took a recess until half-past three o'clock, P. M.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

On motion of Mr. Rogers a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Watlington and Simkins, were appointed to wait upon the House and request that all bills or resolutions relating to military affairs, now pending before that body, be transmitted to the Senate.

The committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed to transmit to the Senate a resolution which had passed the House, authorizing the payment of United States Treasury Warrant No.5253;

Which resolution was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The Senate went into Committee of the Whole, having under consideration the militia bills, under consideration in Committee of the Whole this morning—Mr. Brokaw in the Chair.

After some time spent in consideration thereof, the committee rose, and through their Chairman reported a bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the militia forces of this State, with amendments, as a substitute for all the other bills under consideration, and recommended its passage;

Which report was received, the bill as a substitute adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rules being waived, Mr. Brokaw moved that the House resolution authorizing the payment of United States Treasury Warrant No. 5253 be taken up;

Which was agreed to.

House resolution authorizing the payment of United States Treasury Warrant No. 5253;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—None.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to encourage and facilitate Internal Improvements and regulate partnerships for that purpose;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nay—Mr. Dawkins—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—11.

Nay—Mr. Dawkins—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of Appeal and pe-remptory challenges in criminal cases;

Was taken up and passed over informally and ordered to be reengrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad Company:

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McCall, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nay—Mr. McQueen—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 16th section of an act entitled an act to amend the Militia and Patrol laws of this State approved December 22, 1859;

Was read the second time, and on motion laid upon the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a Railroad;

Was read the second time, the substitute proposed by the committee adopted, and the same ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the several Banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller;

Was read the second time and refereed to a select committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Call, Dawkins and Baldwin.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate Pilotage of St. Johns Bar;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of Tax Assessor and Collector for Sumter county, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on Juciary.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the security of the citizens of this State transacting business with foreign corporations;

Was read the second time and referred to the Judiciary committee.

House bill to be entitled an act in relation to crimes and misdemeanors;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers and Watlington—13.

Nay—Mr. President.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua County Railroad Company;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act regulating the fees of Port Wardens of the city of Apalachicola and for other purposes;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House resolution relative to the State Librarian;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to amend by adding the words "to the next General Assembly" to the end of the resolution;

Which was agreed to.

The resolutfon was then ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on engrossed bllls beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act transferring causes from the late District Courts;

A bill to be entitled an act to declare who are citizens of the State of Florida; and

A bill to be entitled an act to reduce the cost of criminal prosecutions.

Respectfully submitted,

T. INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and the bills placed first among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to reduce the cost of criminal prosecutions;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nay—Mr. Dawkins—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act transferring causes from the late District Courts to the Circuit Courts;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said blll passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to declare who are citizens of the State of Florida;

Was read the third time;

Mr. Baldwin moved to amend by striking out "five years" in the third section;

Upon of which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Rogers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Jones and McCall—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—11.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Jones and McCall—4.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act for the defence of the port of Apalachicola;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Blount Ferry Railroad Company;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Sheriff's costs for advertising their sales in the public gazettes of this State;

Was read a third time;

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out "or that is printed nearest thereto in the Judicial Circuit where said levy is made;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen and Rogers—7.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Magbee, McCall, Simkins and Watlington—7.

So the amendment was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins, Jones, McCall, McQueen and Rogers 7.

So the bill was lost.

Mr. McCall moved to reconsider the vote just taken;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Magbee, McCall, Simkins and Watlington—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen and Rogers—8.

So the motion to reconsider was lost.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida;

Was read the second time and made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the service of civil process in certain cases;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins, and Watlington—11.

Nays—Messrs. Jones, and McCall—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the Taxes;

Was read the second time and made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking of the marks and brands of cattle driven or shipped from the counties of Sumter, Hillsborough and Manatee;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury Notes;

Was read the second time and made the special order of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to create an efficient military force for the State of Florida;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Militia and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

The rules being waived, Mr. Call introduced without previous notice,

A bill to be entitled an act encouraging the cultivation of tropical Fruits;

Which was read the first time, the rules waived, and read the second time by its title.

Mr. Dawkins moved to refer the bill to the committee on Internal Improvements;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Magbee, Rogers and Simkins—7.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then referred to a Select committee consisting of Messrs. Magbee, Simkins and Watlington.

House bill entitled an act for the government of the militia forces of the State of Florida;

Was read the second time by its title, and on motion laid on the table.

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize the raising of two Regiments of Infantry and one of Cavalry or Mounted Riflemen;

Was read the second time by its title and on motion laid on the table.

House resolution to prsvide for the appointment of a Major General in the army of Florida;

Was read the second time by its title and on motion laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend ths Militia laws now in force in this State;

Was read the second time by its title and on motion laid on the table.

On motion the Senate adjourned until haf-past 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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SATURDAY, February 9th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, amended and approved.

On motion the rules were waived, and Mr. Dawkins introduced without previous notice a bill to be entitled an act in regard to Telegraph Companies;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, February 9, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I have approved and signed the following bills and resolution:

An act to provide a remedy to enforce the lien of ship-wrights, &c.;

An act to establish the fees of Notaries Public in certain cases;

An act to incorporate the La Villa Institute;

Resolution for the relief of Geo. B. Ellis;

An act for the relief of E. W. Hankins;

An act providing for a State uniform and flag;

An act to amend an act concerning roads and highways in St. Johns county;

An act for the relief of J. Atzerotte;

An act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Pettit Jurors;

An act for the relief of James D. Smith;

An act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

An act to change the time for holding the Circuit Courts for the Western Judicial Circuit;

An act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine;

An act to amend the pilot laws for the port of Fernandina;

An act relating to foreign guardians;

An act concerning pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys;

An act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of Measurers and Inspectors of lumber;

An act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county;

An act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina;

An act combining the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor of Jefferson county;

An act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Light Company;

An act to amend the road law and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county;

An act to incorporate the Hydrant Water company of Pensacola; and

An act to authorize the county Commissieners of Washington county to establish a ferry across Holmes Creek;

Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 8, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bills and resolutions, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the act of 1851 providing for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws now in force in this State;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of contractors surveying public lands in this State;

House bill to be entitled an act to prohibit negroes or others than white men from being employed as samplers of cotton;

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Clinton Thigpen;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State with regard to malicious mischief;

House bill to be entitled an act to clean out and improve the navigation of Yellow river in West Florida;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to prevent breaches of trust by Telegraphic Operators;

Senate bill to be entitled an act supplemental to an act to establish the Planters' and Merchants' Bank of Pensacola;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for writs of error in criminal cases.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Donald Cameron, Justice of the Peace for Leon County;

Senate resolution for the relief of A. B. Noyes and others;

House resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make temporary arangements to meet the expenses of the present General Assembly;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the amended Constitution of the State of Florida in relation to the session of the General Assembly; and

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 7th section of the 13th, article of the Constitution.

Very respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, the Senate bills and resolution ordered to be enrolled and the House bills read the first time by their titles and placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on Monday next.

Mr Call offered the following resolution:

Resolved, as the sense of the Senate that its President and Secretary should sign no enrolled bills after the hour of adjournment *sine die*, and that all bills not enrolled, signed and submitted to the Governor before adjournment are void.

Mr. Dawkins moved to lay the resolution on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Dawkins and Abercrombie;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain and Dawkins—6.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—7.

So the motion was lost.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of Mr. Call's resolution;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call offered the following resolution:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, That the present General Assembly do not adjourn *sine die* until all the bills are enrolled and signed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Governor and deposited in the Secretary's office, which have or shall be passed by the present session.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Ingram moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Call rose to a point of order, that the motion to lay on the table was out of order on its first reading.

The Chair decided that it was in order to lay on the table on the first reading.

Mr. Call appealed from the decision of the Chair;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Eppes and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin Brokaw, Ingram, Jones, McQueen and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Magbee and Watlington—3.

So the decision of the chair was sustained (Mr. Dawkins in the Chair).

The question then recurred upon laying the resolution on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Ingram and Eppes;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen and Simkins—10.

Nays—Messrs. Call and Magbee—2.

So the resolution was laid on the table.

The rules being waived, Mr. Baldwin introduced without previous notice the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the appointment of stevedores;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McQueen from the joint committee on the Militia made the following report:

The joint committee on the Militia to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the defence of the Port of Apalachicola, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman Senate Com.

JOS. JNO. WILLIAMS,
Chairman of House Committee.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and peremptory challenges in criminal cases;

A bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a Railroad; and

A bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the Military forces of this State.

Respectfully submitted,

T. INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Mr. Eppes moved that the rules be waived for the purpose of taking up certain bills before the special orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

House bill to be entitled an act for the defence of the Port of Apalachicola;

Was read the second time, the rules waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act regulating wharfage in the city of Apalachicola;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Eppes moved to strike out the first section;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Eppes moved a substitute for the first section;

Which was adopted.

The bill was then read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act regulating the fees of Port Wardens of the city of Apalachicola;

Was read the second time;

Mr. Eppes moved to strike out the word "licensed" in the fifth line of the first section, and insert "increased," and after the words "per cent." in same line, strike out the remainder of said section;

Which was adopted.

The bill was then read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a Railroad;

Was read the third and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of the State of Florida;

Was read a second time, and a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issue of Treasury notes, reported by Committee on Ways and Means, adopted as a substitute to the bill.

The Senate then resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, having under aonsideration the substitute—Mr. Brokaw in the Chair.

After some time spent in the consideration thereof, the committee rose, and through their Chairman reported the substitute back to Senate, with amendments, and recommended its passage;

Which report was received, and amendments concurred in.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed to convey to the Senate a resolution relative to the employment of Edward Powell in the military service of the State, which had passed the House, and to ask the concurrence of the Senate in the same;

Which resolution was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The rules being waived, Mr. Magbee introduced without previous notice, the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a salary and abolish fees of the office of the Secretary of State;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the Senate took a recess untill half-past 3 o'clock this evening.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes;

Was taken up;

Mr. Chain offered the following amendments: In the sixth line of the first section, strike out "Treasurer" and insert in lieu thereof "Comptroller;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Chain and Abercrombie;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw and Chain—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—8.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Chain offered the following amendments: In the second line of the third section, strike out between the words "and" and "shall" and insert "Comptroller," and after the word "Treasurer" in the third line, insert "and when and before Treasurer pays out any of said notes, he shall sign his name officially across the face of said note;'

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Chain and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call and Chain—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—7.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Chain offered the following amendment:

In the 5th line of section 5 between the words "persons" and "violating" insert "other than Railroad Companies of this State," and in the 11th line after the word "corporation" strike out the words "prior to the passage of this act."

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Chain and Magbee:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie and Chain—2.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—9.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Chain moved to strike out the whole of section 6;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Chain and Magbee;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Chain and McQueen—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—7.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Chain moved to strike out in the 1st, 2d and 3d lines of section 11, all after the word "that" up to the word "it" in the 3d line.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Chain and Abercrombie;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Chain—1.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—10.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Baldwin moved that in section seventh in eleventh line strike out all after the words "State of Flordia;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Rogers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain and Dawkins—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—9.

So said motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

The rules being waived, Mr. Call from the committee on Jndiciary made the following report:

The Judiciary committee to whom was referred an act to be entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library, and a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the security of the citizens of this State transacting business with foreign corporations, report the same back without recommendation.

G. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Simkins offered the following resolntion:

Resolved, That the committee on Enrolled bills be authorized to employ one or more Assistant Enrolling Clerks for the remainder of the session as they may deem necessary for the despatch of business;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Call, House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate an Insurance Company in the city of Apalachicola to be called the Florida Home Insurance company, was taken up;

Mr. Eppes moved to amend by striking out the words "two hundred and fifty thousand" in the sixth line of the first section and insert "two millions."

Strike out the word "ten" in the twenty-first line of the second section and insert "one."

Strike out the word "thirty" in the fourth line of secton nine and insert "twenty."

Which was adopted.

The bill was then read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The rules being waived, Mr. Magbee introduced without previous notice the following resolution;

Resolution in relation to land warrants;

Which was read the first time, the rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESETATIVES,
February 8th 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

Sir: The following bills have been lost in the House, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled an act in relation to the admission of Attorneys;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with, and to plead and be impleaded;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to secure certain rights to married women; and

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the enforcement of the laws of this State.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the taxes;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

A bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State;

Was read the third time;

Mr. Chain offered the following amendment:

SEC. *Be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent or inhibit the Governor from ordering out any number of troops, for the protection and defence of the Forts, or other point or points in the State, against an actual or threatened invasion of any foreign power, or for the purpose of protecting the interest of the State, and the peace and security of the people of the State, against insurrection or the like, which he in his judgment may deem necessary and proper under the circumstances of the case; nor shall there be anything so construed in this act as to prevent or inhibit the Governor from conferring the appointment of a Major-General on any person, be him a citizen of Florida or of any other State, or of one who was an officer in the army of the late United States, but who has resigned his office therein and tendered his services to the Governor of this State, so that the best military skill and talent may be obtained for the office of such Major-General.

Pending the adoption of which the bill was passed over informally, and two hundred copies ordered to be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Call a bill to be entitled an act to repeal the sixteenth section of an act entitled an act to amend the militia and patrol laws of this State, approved December 22, 1859;

Was taken from the table;

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend the bill by inserting before the word "sixteenth" the words "ninth and;"

Which was adopted;

The bill was then read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and peremptory challenges in criminal cases;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nay—Mr. Brokaw—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Blount Ferry Railroad;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Call moved to amend by striking out the words "to issue certificates or other evidence of such loan" in the 18th and 17th lines of the 8th section;

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Baldwin, the bill was placed back on its second reading and referred to the committee on Corporations.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of Tax Assessor and Collector for Sumter county, and for other purposes;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—11.

Nay—Mr. Dawkins—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act in relation to crimes and misdemeanors;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua county Railroad Company;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Call moved to amend by striking out in the 16th and 17th lines of the 8th section the words "to issue certificates or other evidence of such loan;"

Which was adopted.

On motion, the bill was placed back upon its second reading and referred to the committee on Corporations.

House resolution relative to State Librarian;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—11.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Resolution in relation to military laws;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Dawkins moved its indefinite postponement;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and Baldwin;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Dawkins, Simkins and Watlington—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Jones, Magbee and McQueen—8.

So the motion was lost.

The resolution was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an act respecting the sale of vinous or spirituous liquors to slaves or persons of color;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call offered the following additional section:

Be it further enacted, That the provisions of this act be and the same are hereby extended to the city of Fernandina;

Which was adopted.

The rules being waived, the bill was read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend the title of the bill by adding "in the cities of Apalachicola and Fernandina."

Which was adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the appointment of stevedores, &c.;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide the mode and manner of giving notice in actions of ejectments;

Was read the second time, rules waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution relative to the employment of Edward Powell in the Militia service of this State;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a salary and abolish fees of the office of the Secretary of state;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the committee on the Executive Department.

House bill to be entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved to strike out the second and fourth sections;

Which was adopted.

On motion the rules were waived, the bill read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, a committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Magbee, Simkins and Abercrombie, were appointed to wait upon the House and inform that body that the Senate had refused to re-consider the vote on the passage of a bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklockonee river for the purpose of erecting a Mill, with instructions to return said bill to the House.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the security of the citizens of this State transacting business with foreign corporations;

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Call, was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion the Senate adjourned until half-past 10 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY, February 11th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

On motion the reading of Saturday's journal was dispensed with, amended and approved.

Mr. Dawkins moved that the resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major-General in the army of Florida be taken up and placed among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

The rules being waived, Mr. Chain introduced without previous notice the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the collection of debts in certain cases from debtors in this State;

Which was read the first time, rules waived, read the second time by its title, and placed among the orders of the day for to-day.

The rules being waived, Mr. Call introduced without previous notice the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act supplemental to the act providing for an issue of Treasury notes;

Which was read the first time, rules waived, read the second time by its title, and placed among the orders of the day.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, Feb. 11, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR: I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly, viz:

Franklin County.

Port Wardens at Apalachicola:

Edward Williams, Francis Pike, Frederick N. Fuller, Robert. D. Munn, Henry Swain B. L. Turner, John Coupe.

Cotton Weighers:

Thomas Matthews, Renlen L. Harrison, William D. McClay, Simon K. Bull, J. J. Flanders. Geo. L. Brockenbrough.

Commissioners of Pilotage:

Joseph L. Dunham, Benj. Eilison, James J. Griffin, James P. Penn, Joseph Atkins.

Escambia County.

Port Wardens:

John Campbell, Chas G. Barclay, Wm. H. Baker, James W. Hall, Walter L. Cozens.

Auctioneer.—Joseph Sierra, Jr.

Keeper of Spanish Archives.—F. De La Rua.

Gadsden County.

Auctioneer.—John A. Bissell.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read, and on motion, the nominations therein contained advised and consented to.

The following communication was received from the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES INT. IMP. FUND,
Tallahassee, Feb. 8, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES:

President of the Senate:

SIR: I am instructed by the Trusstees of the Internal Improvement Fund to communicate to both Houses of the General Assembly the following preamble and resolution adopted by them at a meeting held this morning, viz:

WHEREAS, L. D. Stickney, in behalf of himself and his associates, has represented to this Board the great ultimate advantage that would result to the State and to the fund under the supervision of the Trustees, by a grant of land in the Southern peninsular of this State, for the cultivation of tropical productions by actual settlers; and, Whereas, the region of country in which the grant is desired, is now unpopulated, but would soon be filled by an industrious and thrifty population, if the enterprize in view should prove a success; and, Whereas, the Board being sensible of the great benefits likely to result by the proposed grant, but being doubtful of their power without authority from the General Assembly, and it being supposed that some of the land to be located may not fall within the grant made to the Trustees; Therefore

Resolved, That this Board do recommend to the General Assembly the passage of an Act granting to L. D. Stickney and his associates, a Township of land lying South of latitude 27 deg. 30 min., and authorize the Trustees to convey title to such of the land to be

located as shall fall within the grant to the Trustees; the land granted to be located within one year, and all sections not actually settled within four years from the time of location, to revert to the State or to the Trust Fund.

Unanimously adopted by the Trustees.

Very respectfully,

F. L. VILLEPIGUE,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

Which was read.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 11th, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed the following bills, viz:

A Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida, with sundry House amendments; and

A bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts of this State hereinafter named, with the powers which were possessed by the late District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Brokaw presented a petition of A. L. Woodward, of Tallahassee;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Call introduced the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened. That A. L. Woodward Depository of the late United States, be and he is hereby authorized to pay a draft for seventy-five dollars (number 716,) in favor of Dr. William L. Jones, drawn by said late United States Government.

Which was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So the resolution passed title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed on the part of the House to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate for the purpose of drafting a general appropriation bill.

On motion of Mr. Dawkins, a similar committee on the part of the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Dawkins, Simkins and Abercrombie was appointed to act with said committee on the part of the House, and to inform the House of the same.

The committee after a short absence returned and reported *that* they had informed the House of their appointment.

Mr. Simkin's offered a resolution relative to the employment of Henry Douglass in the military service of the State;

Which was placed among the orders of the day to come up immediately after a resolution relative to the employment of Edward Powell in the military service of the State.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent breaches of trust by Telegraph Operators;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Donald Cameron, Justice of the Peace for Leon County;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for writs of error in criminal cases;

A bill to be entitled an act to Incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company at Pensacola;

A bill to be entitled an act to relieve the town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said town and for other purposes;

A bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Hillsborough county to borrow money;

A bill to be entitled an act requiring railroad companies to maintain proper cattle guards and railroad crossings;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, Wm. J. Keyser and other owners of wharf property at Milton in Santa Rosa County, to establish and charge rates of wharfage;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county;

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Chipola river and other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Weekiver creek and Clay Spring run, and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said streams;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James McCormick;

A bill to be entitled an act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau county in certain cases;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act requiring licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12, 1849;

A bill to be entitled an act supplemental to an act to establish the Merchants and Planters Bank of Pensacola;

Resolution for the relief of A. B. Noyes and others; and

A resolution relative to adjournment of the Legislature.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS.
Chairman.

Which were read.

Mr. McQueen from the committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following bills and resolution as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the taxes;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes; and

A resolution in relation to military laws.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Of the committee.

Which was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Chain from the committee on the Executive Department made the following report:

The Standing committee on the Executive Department, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to establish a salary and abolish fees of the office of the Secretary of State, have had the same under consideration and instructed me to

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The accompanying amendments, and ask the same be adopted: The object of the bill is what its title purports it to be, simply to do away with the perquisites of office of Secretary of State, and to give that officer a competent salary for his services. This your committee regards as being not only proper and right, but highly credi-

table to the State in sustaining the dignity of the office, and thereby to do away with the humiliating and picayune business of such an honorable office, therefore, your committee recommend the passage of the bill.

JOHN CHAIN,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee from the committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Blount Ferry Railroad Company, also a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua County Railroad Company, have had the same under consideration and instruct me to report said bills back to the Senate without amendment and recommend that they do pass.

JAMES T. MAGBEE,
Chairman.

Which was received and read, and on motion, the bill placed among the orders of the day to come up on its third reading.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Chain offered the following amendment at the end of the twelfth line of section six:

In the twelfth line of the sixth section, after the word "operations," insert " or which may be in operation within the next twelve months from and after the passage of this act;"

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended, was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain and Watlington—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act supplemental to an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes;

Was taken uy, read the third time and put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Finlayson, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins–7.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins and Magbee—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Dawkins and Finlayson, were appointed to certify the passage of the same to the House, together with a bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes, substitute to a House bill to be entitled an act to provide for a circulating medium in the State of Florida;

Which committee retired and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, February 11, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly:

Monroe County:

Auctioneers—Alexander Gatterson, William H. Ward.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read, and on motion the nominations therein contained were advised and consented to.

The rules being waived, Mr. Magbee from a select committee made the following report:

A majority of the select committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act encouraging the cultivation of trropical fruits,

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That they have had the same under consideration and find that said bill proposes to grant thirty-six sections of six hundred and forty acres, each, amounting to twenty-three thousand and forty acres of land, to Messrs. D. W. F. Besbee, L. D. Stickney and A. T. Howe, "to encourage" the introduction in this State of useful tropical exotics and the cultivation thereof. While your committee are willing to encourage the enterprise of the above named gentlemen, they cannot lose sight of our Florida soldiery, by whose toil the land in question was gained. By the act of secession all the lands that was claimed by the General Government has enured to the State, and it is proper and right that we should deal as justly with our soldiery in donating these lands to them for military services performed on the

soil, as the late United States, which has never failed to grant land warrants to those soldiers and to pay them for horses lost in service. We feel it more sensibly to be our duty to look out for the interest of those volunteers when we know that the land upon which the general Government based its donations to them has fallen to the State, and that these soldiers must be provided for out of the lands acquired by secession or forever loose this part of their pay, which by precedent was holden out to them as a part of their pay, when they joined the service. Your committee also believe that by making these grants the State will encourage the settling up of the unsettled part of the peninsula of Florida and will furnish an armed occupancy on the soil to protect those engaged in raising tropical plants; they therefore recommend that a certain portion of lands be given any one, a head of a family who will settle, reside and cultivate lands South of a certain line to be designated. They therefore offer a bill which contains provisions to meet the ends of said bill, to-wit: A bill to be entitled an act granting land warrants to the volunteers of Florida and to provide for the payment for lost horses while in public service, and for other purposes, as a substitute for the bill under consideration, and recommend said substitute be adopted for the bill under consideration and recommend that the same do pass.

JAMES T. MAGBEE,
E. C. SIMKINS.

Which was received and read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

The committee appointed on Saturday to return to the House a bill to be entitled an act authorizing James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklockonee river for the purpose of erecting a mill, reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed to inform the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of Public Lands in this State, and for other purposes, and to ask the Senate to take immediate action on the same.

Which was received and on motion the bill placed first among the orders of the day.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed to return to the Senate Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for carrying the mails, which had passed the House with amendments, and to ask the concurrence of the Senate in said amendments.

Which was received and bill placed among the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of Public Lands in this State, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time, rules waived, and read the second time by its title.

Mr. Call offered a bill to be entitled an act to abolish United States Receivers of Public monies, as a substitute for said bill;

Which was adopted, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, to come up when the committee on engrossed bills report the same.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed to certify to the Senate the passage of a bill to be entitled an act to amend the 22nd section of the act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved January 6th, 1855.

Which was received and bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the taxes;

Was read the third time.

Mr. Chain moved that it be put back upon its second reading;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Chain then moved to amend the bill by adding the following additional sections:

Sec. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That nothing in the act entitled an act to establish the ad valorem system of taxation, approved December 15, 1855, shall be so construed as that where any one who has loaned money at interest and taken a note or obligation for the same, that if he gives the same in under the head of notes and obligations, he shall be required to give the same in under the head of money at interest or in possession, and the heading of the Tax Assessors books shall be so headed as to say, "money at interest or in possession not otherwise given in and taxed," and "all notes and obligations of whatever character," the amount of which is not otherwise given in and taxed; nor shall there be any thing in said act to be so construed as to require any one to give in any taxable property or objects of taxation by the provisions of said act, any other property or objects of taxation than that which he owns and has at the time he gives in his taxes to the Assessor; nor shall said act be so construed as to require notes or obligations not due to be given in for taxation.

Sec. 6. *Be it further enac'ed*, That there shall be exempt from taxation, one hundred dollars worth, if so much there be, of the household and kitchen furnitnre of every family, or of whatever less than one hundred dollars worth there may be.

Sec. 7. *Be it further enacted*, That whereas there has arisen doubts as to whether or no that improvements upon the public lands are taxable, therefore, it is hereby declared that owners of the improvement upon public lands shall be required to give the valuation there of in as taxable property, and to pay the taxes therefor as other tax-

able property and objects of taxation are given in and paid for under the laws of this State in force on the subject of taxation.

On motion the amendment was put by sections.

The fifth section was adopted.

Upon the adoption of the sixth section the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Chain and Abercrombie:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Rogers and Watlington—8.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—7.

So the sixth section was adopted.

The seventh section was then adopted.

Mr. Chain then moved to further amend the bill by striking out the first section;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Chain;

The vote was;

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Chain, Finlayson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen and Waqlington—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Jones, Rogers and Simkins—7.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Call moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Chain;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Jones and McQueen—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain, Finlayson, Ingram, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—9.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers offered the following to fill the place of the first section just stricken out:

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened*, That there shall be assessed and collected for the current year of 1861 and thereafter until otherwise provided by law, there shall be levied a tax of twenty cents on the every hundred dollars worth of the actual cost valuation of all descriptions of property now subject to taxation.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Chain:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Dawkins, Jones, Rogers and Simkins—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Chain, Finlayson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen and Watlington—9.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Dawkins offered the following additional section :

Be it further enacted, That no person owning taxable property in this State shall hereafter be required to return his, her, or their household kitchen furniture whenever they shall testify on oath to the Tax Collector that he, she or they does not own or possess more than fifty dollars worth of such household.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Ingram moved the indefinite postponement of the bill ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen and Rogers—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Simkins and Watlington—7.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

The rules being waived. Mr. Baldwin from a select committee made the following report :

The undersigned, members of a Select committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the several banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller, have had the same under examination and ask leave to

REPORT

That the bill seems to be a meritorious one, and just such as is required at this time, when the General Assembly have given charters to numerous banks in this State, which are shortly to go into operation, so that the people, amongst whom this money will be offered for circulation, may know and fully understand the character and condition of those institutions which ask their confidence and aid. And the requirements of this bill are such, that the friends and officers of no bank can consistently make any objection and to if these institutions are to be conducted on safe, honest and honorable principles, such as the people require to secure them against loss in case of their extending their confidence and patronage to them. And should there be any objection to such wholesome requirements as offered by this bill, made by the friends or officers of these institutions, then additional evidence is offered of the necessity for the General Assembly to pass it and provide the necessary guards to the community against a rotten system of banks, of which this State has heretofore had too sad an experience to risk a repetition of it.

Therefore your committee recommend the passage of the bill under consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. BALDWIN,
D. C. DAWKINS.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Call from the same committee made the following minority report:

The undersigned from the committee to whom was referred the act requiring certain statements to be made by the several banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller

REPORT

That the objects of the bill are meritorious and commends itself to the forcible consideration of the Senate. The bill however, so far as it has any reference to chartered banks is a palpable violation of vested rights.

Four charters have passed the Senate during this session:

The Mechanics and Planters Bank of Pensacola.

The Bank of Tallahassee.

The Bank of Commerce at Fernandina.

The Commercial Bank of Lake City.

They all contain the following sections:

Sec. 14. *Be it further enacted*, That the President of this bank shall in the first week in October, in each and every year transmit to the General Assembly a full statement of the condition of the bank, exhibiting the amount of capital, notes in circulation, debt due other banks, and to what banks, deposites and all other particulars necessary to explain the debit side of the account, also specie on hand, notes of other banks, other funds specially enumerated, debts due from other banks and what banks, bills of exchange, debts on bonds and notes discounted, specifying in one item the amount due from stockholders, and in another the amount due from Directors—not, however, using any person's name in either case—and amount of real estate.

Sec. 15. *Be it further enacted*, That if any President, Director, Cashier, Clerk, or other officer of the aforesaid bank, shall knowingly, willingly and with intent to deceive, make or cause to be made or connive at making any false return, statement or exhibit of the condition of the bank, either to the Treasury of the State, to the Legislature, to the Board of Directors, or to the Stockholders, or to any other person or persons that may be authorized by the Legislature or by the stockholders to receive the same, such President, Director,

Cashier, Clerk or other officer, and all persons aiding or abetting in such deception or false return, shall be liable to be indicted as for a misdemeanor in the Circuit Courts, and upon conviction shall be fined at the discretion of the Court, and imprisoned not exceeding one year.

It is manifest, that so long as any of these banks furnish the statements prescribed by their charters, which vary only in details from those enumerated by this bill, and would probably furnish equally satisfactory evidence of the condition of the bank, the Legislature cannot lawfully authorize the Governor to appoint a receiver for their assets, and even if they could, it would perhaps, be more equitable to punish the officers criminally for their neglect, than to punish the innocent and defrauded stockholders by depriving them of their charters, while the real criminals (the defaulting officers escape unwhipped of justice).

The provisions of this bill are also substantially incorporated into the general banking law, under which it is further provided by the twenty-ninth section, that the Comptroller shall prepare such forms and instructions as are necessary to carry them out, if the Comptroller would inclose a copy of his instructions and forms to the chartered banks as well as to the banks organized under the general law, it is not doubted that they would cheerfully confirm in making their returns to the forms prescribed by him, and thus secure without unconstitutional legislation the sole objects of this bill, therefore recommend that the bill do not pass.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

On motion the rules were waived and Mr. Dawkins from the committee on Internal Improvements made the following report:

A majority of the committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act in regard to Telegraph companies, recommend the passage of the same with the addition of the following proviso, viz: *Provided*, That such company shall commence operations within two years, and complete the same in five years from the commencement thereof.

Respectfully submitted,
D. C. DAWKINS,
Chairman.

Mr. Call from the same committee made the following minority report:

The undersigned, from the committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred an act in regard to telegraph Companies,

REPORT

The same is, in his opinion, a violation of the 24th section of the first article of the Constitution, which declares that "monopolies are contrary to the genius of a free people, and ought not to be allowed."

GEO. W. CALL.

Which reports were received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for carrying the mails was returned to the Senate as having passed the House with amendments;

Was taken up;

On motion of Mr. Call the Senate refused to concur in the House amendments.

Mr. Baldwin moved that a committee of three be appointed to confer with a similar committee on the part of the House as a committee of conference, relative to the House amendments;

Which was lost.

Mr. Call moved that the refusal of the Senate to concur in the House amendments be certified to the House;

Which was agreed to.

Resolution in relation to military laws;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Jones and Simkins—7.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Ingram and McQueen—4.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion the Senate took a recess until half-past three o'clock, P. M.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a salary and abolish fees of the Secretary of State;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Ingram moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Dawkins, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen and Rogers—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—7.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to abolish the offices of United States Receivers of Public monies and Register of Public Lands.

Very respectfully,

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chm'n Com. on Engrossed bills.

Which was read, and the bill, in pursuance of a motion adopted this morning. put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee McQueen, Rogers and Watlington—14.

Nay—Mr. Simkins—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
February, 11, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed the following bills, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Catharine A. Joiner;

Senate bill to be entitled an act relative to the Common School Fund of Washington and Holmes counties; and

Senate bill to be entitled an act to encourage the formation of mounted and cavalry companies in this State for military service.

Very respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read and the bills ordered to be enrolled.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua Railroad Company;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Dawkins, the rules were waived, and House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Clinton Thigpin was taken up, read the second time, rules waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State.

Was read the third time;

Mr. Dawkins moved to pass the bill over informally;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Dawkins:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Ingram, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—7.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by striking out in the 22nd section, "January 6th, 1847," and inserting "December 27th, 1845;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chain offered the following amendment:

SEC. *Be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to prevent or inhibit the Governor from ordering out any number of troops, for the protection and defence of the Forts, or other point or points in the State, against an actual or threatened invasion of any foreign power, or for the purpose of protecting the interest of the State, and the peace and security of the people of the State, against insurrection or the like, which he in his judgment may deem necessary and proper under the circumstances of the case; nor shall there be anything so construed in this act as to prevent or inhibit the Governor from conferring the appointment of a Major Gen-

eral on any person, be him a citizen of Florida or of any other State, or of one who was an officer in the army of the late United States, but who has resigned his office therein and tendered his services to the Governor of this State, so that the best military skill and talent may be obtained for the office of such Major-General.

Mr. Call offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Chain's amendment:

Be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to deprive the Governor of any power by him possessed previous to the passage of the same, and not herein expressly taken away, nor as conferring upon the Governor any power not herein expressly conferred.

Mr. Call moved that the bill and amendments lay on the table until to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Blount Ferry Railroad Company;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nay—Mr. Baldwin—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the Pilotage at the Port of St. Johns;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, and Simkins—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the appointment of Stevedores, &c.;

Was read the second time and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Baldwin, Abercrombie and Simkins.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State with regard to malicious mischief;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House resolution relative to the employment of Edward Powell in the military service of the State;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Militia.

Resolution relative to the employment of Henry Douglass in the military service of the State;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Militia.

House bill to be entitled an act to prohibit negroes or others than white men from being employed as samplers of cotton;

Was read the second time;

Mr. Eppes moved its indefinite postponement;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and Eppes;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Finlayson. Ingram, McQueen and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Dawkins and Rogers—4.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of contractors surveying public lands in this State;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws now in force in this State;

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Call was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the act of 1851 providing for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning;

Was read the second the second time and referred to the committee on Schools and Colleges.

House resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major-General in the army of Florida.

Was read the second time.

Mr. Rogers moved its indefinite postponemeut;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Ingram and Rogers —5.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—9.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved that the bill be referred to the committee on the Militia;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Ingram and Rogers—4.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—10.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment:

Strike out "Major" and insert "Brigadier," and add at the end of the resolution the words "who shall be the Brigadier General provided by the 4th section of the "act to re-organize the military forces of this State." "

Upon the adoption of which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Rogers and Chain;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Ingram, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Magbee and Watlington—6.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Simkins moved that the rules be waived to allow him to make a motion to put the resolution on its passage.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Chain and Rogers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Ingram, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Magbee and Wotlington—6.

So the Senate refused to waive the rules:

The resolution was then ordered for a third reading to-morrow as amended.

House bill to be entitled an act to clean out and improve the navigation of Yellow river in West Florida;

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to create an efficient Military force for the State of Florida;

Was read the second time and referred to the committee on the Militia.

House bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts of this State, hereinafter named, with the powers which were pos-

sessed by the late District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the collection of debts in certain cases from debtors in this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—10.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw and Watlington—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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TUESDAY, February 12th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, amended and approved.

Mr. Chain moved that the vote indefinitely postponing a bill to be entitled an act to prohibit negroes or others than white men from being employed as samplers of cotton be reconsidered;

Which was lost.

Mr. Magbee moved that a committee of three be appointed to wait upon the House and request the return to the Senate of a bill to be entitled an act to prevent the collection of debts in certain cases from debtors in this State;

Which was lost.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Catherine A. Joyner;

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the Common School Fund of Washington and Holmes county; and

A bill to be entitled an act to encourage the formation of mounted and cavalry companies in this State for military service.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,

Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Which was received and read.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had refused to concur in Senate amendments to a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of Treasury notes, and to request the Senate to appoint a similar committee to act as a committee of conference with the committee on the part of the House, for the consideration of said bill and amendments.

On motion, Messrs. Magbee, Dawkins and Call were appointed said committee on the part of the Senate.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State;

Was read the third time.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the substitute offered by Mr. Call to the amendment offered by Mr. Chain on yesterday;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Chain and Call;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, McQueen, and Rogers—5.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—7.

So the substitute was lost.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the amendment offered by Mr. Chain;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Chain and Call;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee and Watlington—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—6.

So the amendment was lost.

The bill was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, and Simkins—9.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain and Watlington—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State with regard to malicious mischief;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Chain, and Watlington—4.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Call, Dawkins, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—7.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make temporary arrangements to meet the expenses of the present General Assembly;

Was taken up and on motion passed over informally.

House resolution providing for the appointment of a Major-General in the army of Florida;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Magbee and Watlington—5.

So said bill passed.

On motion of Mr. Call the title of the resolution was amended by striking out "Major" and inserting "Brigadier."

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of contractors surveying public lands in this State;

Mr. Call offered the following amendments:

Strike out "the Surveyor General of this State or any person who is acting in said capacity," and insert "Register of State Lands," in the seventh and eighth lines strike out "said," in the tenth line insert after the word "Surveyor General" "of the late United States."

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended was then put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Rogers, a committee consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Ingram and Jones, were appointed to convey to the House a bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State and a resolution providing for the appointment of Brigadier-General, and to inform the House of the passage of the same.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee on the part of the House to inform the Senate that the House had refused to concur in Senate amendment to a bill to be entitled an act for providing for carrying the mails, and to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate as a committee of conference for the consideration of said bill and amendments.

On motion, Messrs. Simkins, Rogers and Baldwin were appointed said committee on the part of the Senate.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they been appointed a committee of conference to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate for the consideration of House amendments to Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of Bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the Common wealth of Florida.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida;

Was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Call, the Senate refused to concur in the amendments proposed by the House.

On motion, a commitsee consisting of Messrs. Wotlington, Chain and Abercrombie, were appointed to certify the same to the House, and to inform the House that Messrs. Call, Magbee and Brokaw had been appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the House as a committee of conference.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed by the House to inform the Senate that the House had refused to concur in the substitute proposed by the Senate, to a bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of Public Lands in this State, and for other purposes, and ask the Senate to recede therefrom.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Rogers and Simkins were appointed to inform the House that the Senate insists on its amendments to the bil.

The committee retired and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

House bill to be entitled an act to clean out and improve the navigation of Yellow River in West Florida ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw and Ingram—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act encouraging the cultivation of Tropical Fruits ;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Magbee moved that both the original bill and the substitute reported by the committee, to be entitled an act, stand upon their own merits.

Mr. Ingram moved to lay the bill and substitute as reported by the committee upon the table ;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Finlayson, Ingram and McQueen—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—10.

So the motion was lost.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Magbee ;

Which was adopted.

The substitute was upon motion first taken up ;

Mr. Call moved to amend by offering the following substitute for the fifth section :

Sec. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That every citizen of this State, male or female, above the age of eighteen years, and the head of a family, not at the date of the passage of this act the *bona fide* owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land, or entitled under this act to a land warrant for that amount, and every person who shall emmigrate to this State within twelve months from the passage of this act, shall be entitled to one hundred and sixty acres of land for him or herself, and forty acres for every actual white member of his or her family : *Provided*, said persons shall actually occupy and cultivate a fair proportion of the said lands, the provisions of this section to be carried out under such rules and regulations to prevent fraud and speculation, and to receive *bona fide* settlers and cultivators as the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund of the State may prescirbe.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—12.

Nays—Messrs. Dawkins, Rogers and Watlington—3.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend the fifth section just adopted, by adding the following words: "on the payment of one dollar per acre therefor;"

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Dawkins, Ingram and McQueen—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, Simkins and Watlington—9.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Magbee moved to strike out the fifth section just adopted;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Ingram:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, Rogers and Simkins—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Ingram, McQueen and Watlington—9.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to amend by inserting after the word "lands" in the 17th line of the 5th section, the words "for the period of twelve months;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call moved that the rules be waived and the bill be read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Finlayson:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Ingram, Jones, Magbee and Rogers—7.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—8.

So the Senate refused to waive the rules.

On motion of Mr. Call, the bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, to be taken up when the engrossing committee report the same.

On motion of Mr. Call the original bill was then taken up;

In the first section Mr. Rogers moved to strike out "36" and insert "9" after the word "sections ;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the second section as follows:

After the words "State of Florida" insert the words "the expense of such survey to be defrayed by the said D. W. F. Bisbee, L. D. Stickney, A. D. Howe, and their associates;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the third section by inserting before the word "section" in the first line, the word "quarter;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend the fourth section by inserting before the word "section" in the first line, the word "quarter;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to strike out the 5th section;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Rogers moved to amend by striking out the preamble;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend section four by adding the words, "on payment of one dollar per acre therefor."

Which was lost.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed as amended, for a third reading, to be taken up when the engrossing committee report the same.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Goveenor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, Feb. 12, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

Sir: I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly:

Santa Rosa County.

Auctioneer—John G. McLean.

Liberty County.

Auctioneer—James Kelly.

Gadsden County.

Auctioneer—John Wilson.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read and the nominations therein contained advised and consented to.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed by the House to inform the Senate that the House had passed a Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of

the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company, with certain amendments, and to request the Senate to concur in the same;

Which was received, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the several banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved its indefinite postponement;

Which was lost.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment:

Be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as requiring any chartered bank to make any other and different returns than those specified in their charters, or to authorize the Governor to appoint a receiver in any other cases than those enumerated in the charters of said bank.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Eppes;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Ingram, Rogers and Simkins—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones and McQueen—8.

So the amendment was lost.

The bill was then ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act to establish a bank in the city of Apalachicola, to be called the Western Bank of Florida, and to ask the concurrence of the Senate in the same.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act in regard to Telegraph Companies;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved its indefinite postponement:

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson and Watlington—7.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment as a substitute for all after the enacting clause:

That any company or association which may first construct a Telegraph to the island of Cuba shall after the same is finished, have

the exclusive right to keep and maintain a telegraph between said points for the period of twenty years.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Dawkins:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain and Dawkins —4.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dawkins moved to amend the substitute by inserting after the word "first", the words "begin to."

Which was lost.

The bill as amended was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts of this State, hereinafter named, with the power which were possessed by the late District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call moved its indefinite postponement.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Eppes and Dawkins;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call and Ingram—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Call moved to strike out the seventh section;

Which was adopted.

The bill was then ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rules being waived, Mr. McQueen from the joint Judiciary committee made the following report:

The committee on the Militia to whom was referred the House resolution in relation to the employment of Edward Powell, and Senate resolution in relation to the employment of Henry Douglass in the military service of the State have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to

REPORT

That the persons named in the resolutions, were at the date of the ordinance of secession or shortly previous, in the service of the United States as Sergeants of Ordinance, the former in charge of the Arsenal at Chattahoochee, and the latter of St. Francis Barracks

and other Government works at St. Augustine. They have resigned their warrants to the late United States Government, and have tendered their services to the State of Florida, and have thus indicated their desire to make common cause with our citizens in their struggle (if any there be) for an honorable independence.

The committee take occasion to express their high appreciation of the spirit which actuates these gentlemen in proposing to stand by the colors of the weaker party against the stronger, but regarding the resolutions as containing nothing upon which the opinion of the committee need be expressed to enlighten the Senate, report the same back the Senate for their consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,

Of Senate Com.

Which report was received and read and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, February 12, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I have approved and signed the following bills and resolution:

An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hillsborough county to borrow money and for other purposes;

An act to amend an act to provide for writs of error in criminal cases, approved January 4th, 1858;

An act for the relief of Donald Cameron;

An act for the relief of Edward M. West;

An act to punish breaches of trust by Telegraph Operators;

An act to amend an act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau County in certain cases;

An act to amend an act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12, 1849;

An act to relieve the town Council of the town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent in taxation;

An act requiring railroad companies to mainiain proper cattle guards and railroad crossings;

An act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, William J. Keyser and others owners of wharf Property at Milton in Santa Rosa county to establish and charge rates of wharfage;

An act to improve the navigation of Weekiver creek and Clay Spring run and to reclaim swamp lands on said streams;

An act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance company of Pensacola;

An act supplemental to an act to establish the Planters and Merchants Bank of Pensacola;

Resolution for the relief of A. B. Noyes and others;

An act for the relief of James McCormick;

An act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others; and

An act to improve the navigation of Chipola river, &c.

Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

The rules being waived, House bill to be entitled an act to establish a bank in the city of Apalachicola to be called the Western Bank of Florida;

Was read the first and second time by its title and referred to a select committee consisting of Messrs. Chain, McQueen and Abercrombie.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Pensaeola and Georgia Railroad Company;

Was taken up, and on motion, the House amendments concurred in.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House, the bill was then ordered to be enrolled.

On motion, the Senate took a recess untill half-past 4 o'clock this evening.

HALF-PAST FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

The rules being waived, Mr. Call moved that a committee be appointed to ask the House to transmit to the Senate a copy of the House bill entitled an act to amend the election laws in force in this State, which bill was transmitted to the Senate on the 26th of January, read twice in that body, and has since been mislaid, in order that the copy so transmitted when received may be placed among the orders of the day in the Senate in lieu of the original bill so mislaid.

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Call, McQueen and Watlington were appointed said committee;

The committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

The rules being waived, Mr. Magbee moved that a committee of three be appointed to examine the Assistant Secretary's Journal;

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Magbee, Brokaw and Watlington appointed said committee.

The rules being waived, Mr. Chain from a special committee made the following report:

The Special committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to establish a bank in the city of Apalachicola, to be called the Western Bank of Florida, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT

That upon examination of the bill they find that it corresponds in all particulars with the Constitution of the State, and is well guarded in every particular, so as to protect the rights of the public and of the stockholders, and therefore recommend its passage.

JOHN CHAIN,
JAS. W. McQUEEN,
JAS. ABERCROMBIE.
Committee.

Which was received and read, and on motion the bill read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The rules being waived, Mr. Baldwin from the committee on Schools and Colleges made the following report:

The committee on Schools and Colleges to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an act to amend the act of 1851, providing for the establisment of two seminaries of learning have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to

REPORT

That there is no objections to the provisions of the bill and nothing therein requiring further investigation by the committee, therefore the bill is returned with the recommendation for its passage.

A. S. BALDWIN.
Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

The rules being waived, Mr. Baldwin from a select committee made the following report:

The select committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the appointment of Stevedores, &c., have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT:

That they believe that some law is necessary upon this subject, but to meet the views entertained by the different members of the committee, the following substitute is offered for the original bill, and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. BALDWIN,
JAS. ABERCROMBIE,
E. C. SIMKINS,

Which report was received and read and bills placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 12th 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bill, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a company to construct a Railroad from St. Andrews to some point on the line of Georgia or Alabama in West Florida.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read, and the bills ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 12, 1861.

HON. T. J EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed the following bills, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act defining who may make the affidavits required in suits of attachment and of garnishment;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide additional safeguards for persons and property upon the Railroads in this State;

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Apalachicola river, and to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Withlacoochee River, and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peas Creek and to drain the swamp and overflowed lands thereon;

House bill to be entitled an act to allow Thomas Jefferson Filmore Ault to change his name to Thomas Jefferson Filmore Johns, and for other purposes;

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the maintainance of the Light houses on the sea board;

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the Representation of this State in the Southern Confederation;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment, with amendments;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court, as amended;

Senate bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

House bill to be entitled an act to exempt Telegraphic operators from military, road and patrol duty;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee, as amended; and

Senate resolution in relation to land warrants.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Reps.

Which was read, the Senate bills and resolution which had passed the House without amendment ordered to be enrolled, and the amended Senate bills and the House bills placed among the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to amend the election laws of this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Chain, Abercrombie and Ingram, were appointed to convey said bill to the House and notify that body of the passage of the bill by the Senate.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on engrossed bills made the following report:

The committee on engrossed bills beg leave to report the following bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act in regard to Telegraph Companies;

A bill to be entitled an act granting land warrants to the volunteers of Florida, and to provide for the payment of lost horses while in public service, and for other purposes; and

A bill to be entitled an act encouraging the cultivation of tropical fruits.

Respectfully submitted,

T. INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

The committee appointed to convey to the House House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to amend the election laws of this State, returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

The rules being waived, Mr. Watlington, from the committee on Propositions and Grievances made the following report:

The committee on Propositions and Grievances to whom was referred the petition of A. L. Woodward, receiver of public moneys of the late United States, praying the remission of the amounts due by him to the State of Florda on account of rent of office for the years 1859 and 1860, beg leave to

REPORT

That they have examined said petition and find the following to be a correct statement of the facts connected therewith: That in the year 1859, a room was rented by the Treasurer of the State to said Receiver at the rate of $100 per annum, and that of this amount there has been paid $67 50, leaving a balance still due on account of rent tor the year 1859 of $32 50.

That in the year 1860, the said Receiver rented a different room at the rate of $50 per annum, the whole of which sum is now due. The whole amount due at this time from said officer is therefore $82 50. By reference to Resolution No. 6 of the adjourned session of 1859, it will be seen that the Register of Public Lands sought at that time the same relief which the Receiver now seeks and that this relief was granted to him on the ground that it was an advantage to the State and the citizens thereof that a room in the Capitol should be occupied by him. For the same reason your committee

recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution which gives the relief prayed for in said petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS WATLINGTON,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and the resolution placed among the orders of the day.

House resolution relative to the employment of Edward Powell in the military service of the State;

Was read the second time.

Mr. Call offered as a substitute for the resolution, and a resolution relative to the employment of Henry Douglass in the military service of this State, joint resolution in relation to Edward Powell and Henry Douglass;

Which was adopted.

The substitute was then read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed on the part of the House to convey back to the Senate House resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major-General in the army of Florida, and to inform the Senate that the House had refused to concur in the Senate substitue to said resolution, and to ask the Senate to recede from its passage.

Which was received and the resolution placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of process of garnishment;

Was taken up, the House amendments concurred in and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee, at Tallahassee;

Was taken up, the House amendments concurred in and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court;

Was taken up, the House amendments concurred in and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled an act in regard to Telegraph Companies;

Was read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act for the cultivation of Tropical Fruits ;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, McCall, McQueen, Simkins, and Watlington—10.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones and Magbee—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act granting Land Warrants to the volunteers of Florida and to provide for lost horses while in actual service, and for other purposes;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage ;

The vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nay—Mr. Ingram—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Magbee, Chain and Dawkins were appointed to convey the two last named bills to the House and to inform that body of the passage of the same by the Senate.

The committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

Resolution for the relief of A. L. Woodward ;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, to be taken up when the committee Engrossed bills shall report it.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Board of Port Wardens of the Port of Jacksonville to appoint Stevedores ;

Was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, to be taken up when the committee on Engrossed bills shall report it.

House bill to be entitled an act defining who may make the affidavits required in suits of attachment and of garnishment;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, Chain, Jones, McCall and Watlington—5.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Dawkins, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—9.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the 23rd section of the act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved Jan. 6th, 1855;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the act of 1851, providing for the establishment of two seminaries of learning;

Was read the second time, rules waived read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peas Creek and to drain the swamp and overflowed lands thereon;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So so said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Withlacoochee river and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Apalachicola river, and to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—13.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide additional safeguards for persons and property upon the Railroads in this State;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—14.

Nay—Mr. McCall—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to exempt Telegraph Operators from Militia, Road and Patrol duties;

Was read the first time, rules waived and read the second time by its title.

Mr. Call moved its indefinite postponement;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Rogers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, Rogers and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—7.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The rules being waived, Mr. Dawkins moved to reconsider the vote taken on yesterday upon the bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws now in force in this state;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Dawkins and Jones;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McCall and McQueen—9.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Ingram, Rogers and Simkins—5.

So the vote was reconsidered.

Mr. Call moved to strike out the 1st section of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Dawkins and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Magbee, Rogers and Watlington—7.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McCall, McQueen and Simkins—8.

So the Senate refused to strike out.

Mr. Call moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Ingram and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Magbee, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—7.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McCall and McQueen—8.

So the motion was lost.

The bill was then ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to allow Thomas Jefferson Filmore Ault to change his name to Thomas Jefferson Filmore Johns, and for other purposes;

Was read the first time, rules waived, and read the second time;

Mr. Call offered the following as an addititional section:

Be it further enacted, That the names of all other persons who shall within ten months from the passage of this act, file a written declaration of their desire and intention to change their names in the clerk's office of their respective counties, shall be changed to the names in the said declaration mentioned.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Rogers;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Ingram, Jones, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—8.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Magbee, McCall and McQueen—7.

So the amendment was adopted.

The rules being waived, the bill was read the third time by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen and Watlington—11.

Nays—Messrs. Baldwin, Ingram, Rogers and Simkins—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee of conference on the part of the House to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate to advise and confer upon the consideration of Senate substitute to House bill entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and receivers of Public Lands in this State and for other purposes.

Messrs. Call, Jones and McCall were appointed said committee on the part of the Senate.

On motion the Senate adjourned until half-past 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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WEDNESDAY, February 13th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The Rev. Dr. DuBose officiated as Chaplain.

On motion the reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with, amended and approved.

Mr. Call asked leave, which was not granted, to introduce without previous notice the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act for the preservation of public property and for other purposes.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 13th, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has refused to pass a Senate bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State, and have adopted in lieu thereof a substitute as an amendment, which bill and substitute are herewith submitted.

Respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McCall introduced the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, the Governor of this State has been officially notified that a permanent government will soon supercede the present provisional government of the Confederate States of America, and that Senators to represent this State under said Government must be elected at an early day; and, Whereas, great expense to this State will accrue in recalling this Legislature, now in session, for that purpose, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened. That the General Assembly go into the election of Senators to the Confederate States of America, as provided for, or hereafter to be provided for, by the Convention of the Southern States now assembled at Montgomery, Alabama, this day at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Which was read.

Mr. McCall moved that the rules be waived to allow the resolution to be read a second time;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. Magbee and McCall;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McCall and Watlington—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—9.

So the motion was lost.

The resolution was then ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee on the part of the House to request the Senate to return to the House, a bill to be entitled an act to provide for a circulating medium in the State of Florida.

The bill being already in the possession of the House the Senate took no action thereon.

Mr. Simkins from the committe on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bills and resolution as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Georgia and Pensacola Railroad Company and other railroad companies in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the maintainance of the light houses on the seaboard;

Resolution in relation to land warrants; and

A bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. McQueen from the committee on the Militia made the following report:

The committee on the Militia to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to create an efficient military force for the State of Florida, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report:

That the Senate having passed a bill which meets the requirements of this bill, it is the opinion of the committee that this bill should not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Ingram from the committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The committee on Engrossed Bills beg leave to report the following bill and resolution as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act relative to stevedores at Jacksonville; and

Resolution for the relief of A. L. Woodward.

Respectfully submitted,

TILLMAN INGRAM,
Chairman.

Which was received and read and bill and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Magbee from the joint Select committe made the following report:

The joint committee of the Senate and House to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes and also a bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium to the citizens of Florida, have held a conference upon the same and being unable to agree, for the sake of having the matter settled, we consented that the former bill be withdrawn and that the latter be amended by inserting 1862 in lieu of 1861, and the same be reported with full liberty to each member of the committee to vote on the same as to him may appear proper and right.

JAS. T. MAGBEE,
Chairman Senate Com.
T. INGRAM.
D. C. DAWKINS,
GEO. W. CALL,
W. W. McCALL.

B. W. BELLAMY,
Chairman House Com.
S. B. LOVE,
A. C. BLOUNT,
D. H. MAYS,
JACOB H. POOSER.

Mr. Magbee from the joint committe made the following report:

The joint committee on the part of the Senate and House to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the commonwealth of Florida

REPORT

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend all after the first section stricken out, and strke out one million and insert five hundred thousand, and ask that the bill do pass with amendments.

JAMES T. MAGBEE,
Ch'm Senate Committee.

B. W. BELLAMY,
Ch'm House Committee.

Which reports were received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Simkins from the joint Select committee made the following report:

The undersigned members of the joint Select committee of conference to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for providing for carrying the mails beg leave to

REPORT

That after a careful examination and consultation they are of opinion that the bill adopted by the Senate fully meets the necessities and requirements of the public interest, and they therefore return the bill with the recommendation that the House amendments do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,
F. C. SIMKINS, Chairman.
S. ST. GEO. ROGERS.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Tallahassee, Feb. 12th, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bill and resolution:

A Senate bill to be entitled act for the relief of Halstead H. Hoeg and assignees; and

A resolution for the relief of Wm. L. Jones.

The following bills have been lost, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled an act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts;

Senate bill to be entitled an act prescribing the form of an oath of Allegiance; and

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to encourage and facilitate Internal Improvements and regulating partnerships for that purpose.

Very respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was received and read and the bills which had passed the House ordered to be enrolled

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A committee appeared at the bar, and informed the Senate, that the House had refused to concur in Senate amendments to a bill to be entitled an act to allow Thomas Jefferson Filmore Ault to change his name to Thomas Jefferson Filmore Johns, and for other purposes.

On motion, the Senate receded from its amendments, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Chain, Simkins and Abercrombie were appointed to inform the House of the Senate's action thereon.

The committee retired and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for stay of executions, with sundry amendments.

The bill was then taken up and upon the question of concurring in House amendments, the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Call and Abercrombie;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Jones and Rogers—5.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen Simkins and Watlington—9.

So the amendments were not concurred in.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Brokaw and McQueen were appointed to inform the House of the Senate's refusal to concur therein.

The committee retired and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House insists upon its amendments to Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City.

On motion of Mr. Magbee, the Senate concurred in the amendments.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the rules were waived and Mr. Call was allowed without previous notice to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the times for holding the Circuit Courts in the counties of Baker and Nassau;

The bill was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times by its title and the bill put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, McQueen and Brokaw were appointed to convey said bill to the House and inform that body of the passage of the same.

The committee retired and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

A bill to be entitled an act relative to Stevedores at Jacksonville, and for other purposes;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Watlington—11.

Nays—none.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Resolution for the relief of A. L. Woodward;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—12.

Nays—none.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts of this State hereinafter named with the power which was possessed by the late District Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain, Finlayson, McCall, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nay—Mr. Call—1.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the severals Banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, McQueen and Watlington—8.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain and Simkins—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws now in force in this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones and McQueen—7.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Finlayson and Watlington—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A bill to be entitled an act to create an efficient military force for the State of Florida;

Was read the second time, and on motion was laid on the table.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Auction laws of this State;

On motion the bill was taken up, read the first time, rule waived, and read the second time by its title.

Mr. Call offered the following amendment:

Strike out the proviso, and insert after the word "auction" in the ninth line, the words "or require the employment of an auctioneer;"

Which was adopted.

The rules were then waived, and the bill read a third time and put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Ingram, Jones, Rogers and Simkins—9.

Nays—Messrs. McCall and Watlington—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate bill to be entitled an act re-organizing the Military forces in this State, was taken up, House amendments to the bill read, and on motion referred to committee on Militia.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a resolution to go into the election of Senators;

Which was received and the resolution read the first time.

Mr. McCall moved that the rules be waived and the resolution be read the second time;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Finlayson;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abererombie, Baldwin, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McCall and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Ingram, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. McCall moved that the resolution be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Call;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Finlayson, Ingram, McQueen and Rogers—6.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwn, Chain, Dawkins, Jones, McCall, Simkins and Watlington—9.

So said motion was lost.

The resolution was then placed among the orders of the day for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. McCall moved that the Senate adjourn until to-morrow, ten o'clock;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called by Messrs. McCall and Watlington;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Call, McCall and Rogers—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Simkins and Watlington—12.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. McCall moved that the Senate adjourn until four o'clock this evening;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. McCall and Chain;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, Magbee, McCall, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—16.

Nays—none.

So the motion was carried, and the Senate adjourned until four o'clock this evening.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 13th 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bills and resolution:

Senate bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a railroad;

Senate resolution in relation to military laws;

Senate bill, to be entitled an act to prevent the collection of debts in certain cases from debtors in this State.

The following have been lost, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases; and

Senate bill to be entitled an act to reduce the costs of criminal prosecutions.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read, and the Senate bills which passed the House without amendment, ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 11, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House has passed the following bills and resolutions, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the punishment of those persons who pretend to hold offices in the State not recognized by the laws thereof, and for other purposes;

Senate resolution for the benefit of the College of St. Augustine;

House resolution to aid the volunteer companies of the State of Florida; and

House bill to be entitled an act to enlarge and define the jusisdiction and establish certain rules of practice of the Courts of Equity in this State.

Respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Reps.

Which was read and House bills placed among the orders of the day and Senate bills ordered to be enrolled.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

House of Representatives,
February, 13, 1861.

Hon. T. J. Eppes,

President of the Senate:

Sir—The House has receded from its amendments to the Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for a stay of executions.

Very respectfully,

A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a company to construct a railroad from St. Andrews to some point on the line of Georgia or Alabama in West Florida; and

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS.
Chairman.

Which was read.

The rules being waived, Mr. McQueen from the committee on the Militia made the following report:

The committee on the Militia to whom was referred the bill entitled an act re-organizing the military forces of this State, with the amendments of the House to the same, have had said bill and House amendments under consideration and have instructed me to

REPORT

That in the opinion of the committee, the Senate bill as passed and transmitted to the House, covers fully the necessities of legislation upon this subject in the present emergency. That, having in all its essential parts been reported favorably upon by the joint committee of the Senate and House on the Militia, and having been most maturely considered by the Senate before its passage, its provisions should not lightly nor hastily be interfered with or altered. That the House amendments present no new features of importance, nor do they embody the features of the Senate bill in any new form which should recommend them to the consideration of the Senate.

It is therefore the opinion of the committee that the amendments of the House have been adopted by that body hastily and without due deliberation, and as the Senate bill has provided fully and in

more matured form for all contained in the House amendments, as well as for matters of importance not included in said amendments, the committee would recommend that the Senate do not concur in the House amendments but adhere to the bill as originally passed by this body.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN, Chairman.
P. B. BROKAW,
E. C. SIMKINS,
S. ST. GEO. ROGERS,
JNO. FINLAYSON.

Which was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bill as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a railroad.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman.

Which report was received and read and bill placed among the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled an act to enlarge and define the jurisdiction and establish certain rules of practice of the Courts of Equity in this State;

Was read a first time, rule waived, and the bill read a second and third time and put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Jones, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington.—11.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw and Magbee—2.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the report of the Joint Committee of Conference to whom was referred Senate bill entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes.

The bill was received and placed among the orders of the day.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed Senate bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and peremptory challenges in criminal cases, with sundry amendments.

The bill was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, February 12, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

Sir: I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly;

Commissioners of Pilotage for St. John's river and bar—Thos. O. Holmes, Samuel Fairbanks, Cyrus Bisbee, Chas. Summers, Hardy H. Philips.

Port Wardens for the Port of Jacksonville—Francis A. Coulter, Michael Hearn, J. Henry Burton, Morris Keil, Wm. H. Hickman, R. H. Watson.

Auctioneer—Geo. C. Acosta.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, Feb. 13, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR: I have approved and signed the following bills and resolution:

Resolution for the relief of L. I. Fleming;

An act to encourage the formation of cavalry and mounted companies in this State for military service.

An act relative to the Common School Fund of the counties of Washington and Holmes; and

An act to change the name of Catharine A. Joiner.

Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Call the bill to be entitled an act authorizing the issue of bonds by the commonwealth of Florida, was taken up and the report of the joint committee on the part of the Senate adopted.

On motion of Mr. Magbee the preamble was stricken out.

Mr. Chain offered the following amendment:

Provided, That no bond shall be issued for a greater amount than borrowed, dollar for dollar.

Which was adopted.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Magbee and Rogers were appointed to inform the House of the Senate's action thereon. The committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported they had performed said duty and were discharged.

On motion the bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State was taken up, the report of the committee to whom was referred House amendments adopted. The Senate refused to concur in the House amendments.

On motion a committee consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Finlayson and Davidson were appointed to inform the House that the Senate refuses to concur to the House amendments.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the report of the Committee of Conference, and that the House occcurred in the Senate amendments thereto.

The bill was received and ordered to be enrolled.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had refused to concur in the action of the Senate in regard to a bill to be entitled an act re-organizing the military forces in this State, and that a committee of five had been appointed on the part of the House to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate as a Committee of Conference upon the amendments adopted by the House.

On motion of Mr. Call, the Standing Committee on Militia was appointed as said Committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. McQueen, Chairman of the Committee, with two of his associates were then appointed to inform the House of the appointment of said Committee.

Who retired and after a short absence returned and reported they had performed said duty and were discharged.

On motion, the House bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida, was taken up.

Mr. Call moved to strike out the fifth section of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Call;

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Davidson, Jones and Watlington—7.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins, Finlayson, Magbee, McQueen and Simkins—7.

So said motion was lost.

Mr. Chain moved to amend by inserting after the word "State" third line, fifth section, the words "other than the railroad companies of this State."

Pending the action on which Mr. Call moved that the bill be past over informally;

Which was agreed to.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act asking appropriations for the expenses of the State Government for the fiscal year of 1860 and 1861.

The bill was received and rule waived, read a first, second and third time and put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Dawkins, Ingram, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—8.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Call, Davidson, Finlayson and Magbee—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

On motion, the Senate took a recess until half-past 7 o'clock, this evening.

HALF-PAST SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

The orders of the day were resumed.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Tallahassee, February 13, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The following bills have passed the House:

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Commerce at Fernandina;

Senate bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of the members of the General Assembly;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to abolish the office of United States receivers of public monies and registers of public lands (was lost in the House); and

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws (was lost in the House).

Very respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read and said bills ordered to be enrolled:

Senate bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of peremptory challenges in criminal cases, was taken up and the House amendments concurred in.

On motion a committee of three consisting of Messrs. Call, Finlayson and Baldwin, were appointed to inform the House of the same, after a short absence the committee returned and reported that they had performed their duty and was discharged.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Tallahassee, Feb. 13, 1861.

Hon T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR—The following Senate bills have been lost in the House, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties; and

A bill to be entitled an act requiring of Circuit Courts to set specific days for the trial of causes wherein three or more witnesses are subpœnaed.

Respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read and ordered to be placed on the Journal.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Tallahassee, Feb. 13, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR—The following bill and resolution has passed the House, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain school funds; and

Joint resolution in relation to Edward Powell and Henry Douglas.

Respectfully
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Rep.

Which was read and ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida was taken up;

Mr. Call moved to amend by inserting in the ninth line after the word "one," "two's, three's, five's, ten's and twenty's," and in tenth line strike out "500,000" and insert "250,000:"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Call moved to amend the fifth section so as to make it read as follows:

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That from and after the first day of March, A. D. 1861, no person whatsoever, shall issue, circulate, pass or pay out, any bank bill of a less demomination than five dollars, and any person wilfully and knowingly violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to indictment therefore, and upon conviction shall be fined in a sum not more than one hundred dollars; and it shall be the duty of the several Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to give this act in charge to the Grand Juries of the several counties of the State;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Chain;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Davidson, Finlayson and Jones—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Magbee, McQueen, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—6.

So said amendment was adopted.

Mr. Call moved to strike out of the fourth section all affer the word "Act" in the sixth line;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Magbee offered to amend by adding an additional section;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Davidson, Magbee and McQueen—3.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, Simkins and Walker—10.

So said amendment was lost.

Mr. Call moved to waive the rules, and that the bill as amended be read the third time and put upon its passage;

Upon which motion the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Brokaw, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—12.

Nays—Messrs. Davidson, Magbee and Watlington—3.

So the rules were waived and the bill put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Jones, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—9.

Nays—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Davidson, Magbee and Watlington—6.

So said bill passed.

Mr. Simpkins moved to amend the title of the bill by striking out the word "permanent;"

Which was agreed to.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and reported that the House had passed the Senate bill to be entitled an act in regard to telegraph companies, with amendments, and asked the concurrence of the Senate in said amendments.

Mr. Dawkins moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Davidson, that the Senate do concur in the said amendments;

Upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Brokaw, Dawkins, and Davidson—5.

Nays—Messrs. Call, Chain, Finlayson, Jones, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—7.

So the Senate refused to concur.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had passed Senate resolution for the relief of A. L. Woodward;

The resolution was received and ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 13, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bill:

A Senate bill to be entitled an act fixing the time of holding the Circuit Court in the counties of Baker and Nassau;

The following bills have been lost in the House, viz:

Senate bill to be entitled an act encouraging the cultivation of tropical fruits;

Senate bill to be entitled an act to declare who are citizens of the State of Florida.

Very Respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Reps.

Which was read, and the bill fixing the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the counties of Baker and Nassau ordered to be enrolled.

On motion the rules were waived and the conference committee on Militia made the following report:

The Joint Committee of Conference on the bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State, have had said bill under consideration and have instructed me to

REPORT

That they recommend the adoption of the Senate bill with the following amendments:

In the 8th line of the 1st section of the printed bill, strike out the words "military officer and Justice of the Peace," and insert "Captains and Lieutenants in commission."

In the 4th line of the 2nd section of the printed bill strike out the words "to the Solicitor of the Judicial Circuit" and insert the words "or delivered to the Colonel of the Regiment of which said officer is a member."

And in the 7th line of the same section strike out the words "first day of March" and insert "15th day of April."

In the 3rd section of the printed bill, in the 1st and 2nd lines strike out the words "on the 13th day of March, or" and "thereafter," and in the 7th line substitute "is" for "are."

In the 5th section, 5th line of the printed bill, strike out the word "General" after the word "Adjutant."

In the 6th section, 1st line, strike out the words "Regimental or" and insert after "company" the words "or Regiment."

Strike out section 8, and substitute the following:

SEC. 8. *Be it further enacted*, That all officers and privates in the actual service of this State shall receive the same pay as officers and privates of the same rank and arm are paid by the late United States.

In the 9th line, 15th section of the printed bill, after the word "such" insert the words "officer or."

In the 4th line, 16th section of the printed bill, strike out the words "in person."

Strike out the entire 18th section.

In the 19th section, 3rd line of the printed bill, after the word "report" insert the words "and the report is approved by the Commander-in-Chief."

In the 6th line, 31st section of the printed bill, strike out the words "Circuit Court" and insert the words "Courts Martial."

To the 34th section of the printed bill, add "and such fines shall be retained by each volunteer company for its exclusive use."

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman.

Which was read, and on motion, the report of the committee was adopted by the Senate.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Rogers and Simkins were appointed to inform the House of its action thereon.

The committee retired, and after a short absence returned and retired and a short absence returned and reported they had performed said duty and were discharged.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, Feb. 13, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR—Since communicating informally, the telegrams received last night from Montgomery, the additional dispatch has been handed me of a later date. In view of the fact that a permanent government will soon be organized, it is important that provision should be made for the representation of Florida therein, and I submit to the General Assembly the propriety of electing Senators at once without subjecting the State to the expense of an extra session of the Legislature for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

MONTGOMERY, Feb., 13th, 1861.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Jr.:

Dispatch received, permanent constitution be ready in ten days to submit, it is matter for you to decide, elect now or have a called session to do so; an election now, I am advised will be Constitutional.

JACKSON MORTON.

Which was read.

On motion, the rules were waived, and Mr. Chain allowed to introduce the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the present General Assembly go into an election of two Senators to the anticipated Congress of the anticipated Southern Confederacy to represent the State in said Congress, on to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock A. M.

Mr. Call offered the following as a substitute:

Resolved, In the opinion of the Senate that at this late hour of their session, within fifteen hours of their adjournment, and in advance of the adoption of a Constitution for a Southern Confederation and ratification of the same by the people of Florida, any attempt

on the part of the Senate to elect Senators to a Congress which does not exist, and may not be ratified by the Constitutional Convention of Florida, would be an exercise of power which ought not to be undertaken in the absence of nearly one third of the Senate.

Resolved further, That the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to communicate a copy of the resolution to His Excellency the Governor, in reply to his communication this night received.

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Magbee and Abercrombie;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—10.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Jones and Watlington—5.

So the substitute was adopted.

The substitute was then put upon its passage:

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Brokaw, Call, Davidson, Finlayson, Ingram, Magbee, McQueen, Rogers and Simkins—10.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain, Dawkins, Jones and Watlington—5.

So the resolution passed.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House had concurred in the report of Joint Committee of Conference in regard to Senate bill to be entitled an act re-organizing the military forces in this State, and had passed said bill as amended and reported by said Conference Committee.

The bill was received and ordered to be enrolled.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
February 13, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has passed the following bill:

Senate bill to be entitled an act relative to stevedores at Jacksonville and Pensacola and for other purposes.

Respectfully,
A. J. PEELER,
Clerk House Reps.

Which was read and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

On motion, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 14th, 1861.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

A quorum present.

The reading of yesterday's journal was dispensed with.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, Feb. 14, 1861.

HON. T. J. EPPES:

President of the Senate:

SIR: I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly:

Monroe County.

Auctioneer.—Geo. W. Furgerson.

Suwannee County.

Auctioneer.—Andrew McClelland.

Washington County.

Auctioneer.—Carey Taylor.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read, and on motion the nominations therein contained advised and consented to.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled bills beg leave to report the following bills and resolutions as correctly enrolled:

An act providing for a stay of executions;

An act providing for the representation of this State in the Southern Confederacy;

Resolution in relation to Edward Powell and Henry Douglass;

An act to amend the laws of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment;

An act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain school funds;

Resolution in relation to military laws; and

An act giving the State a right of peremptory challenges in criminal cases.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman Com. on Enrolled Bills.

Which was received and read.

Aslo the following:

The committee on Enrolled bills beg leave to report the following bills and resolution as correctly enrolled:

An act fixing the time for holding the Courts in the counties of Baker and Nassau;

An act for the relief of Halstead H. Hoeg and his assignees;

Resolution for the relief of Dr. Wm. L. Jones;

An act to authorize the issue of Bonds to the extent of fine hundred thousand dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida;

An act to establish the Bank of Commeree at Fernandina;

An act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court; and

An act to prevent the collection of debts in certain cases from debtors in this State

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Dawkins introduced a joint resolution for the relief of Robert L. Bruce, and others:

Which was read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baldwin, Call, Chain, Dawkins, Finlayson, Ingram, Jones, McQueen and Rogers—9.

Nays—Messrs. Abercrombie and Watlington—2.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Chain introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Senate on the 9th of February, 1861, saying "that the present General Assembly do not adjourn *sine die* until all the bills are enrolled and signed by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House and the Governor, and deposited in the Secretary's office, which however shall be passed by the present session," be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled Bills made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following bills and resolutions as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Board of Port Wardens of the Port of Jacksonville to appoint Stevedores;

Resoultion for the benefit of the College of St. Augustine;

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of the members of the General Assembly; and

Resolution for the relief of A. L. Woodward.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman.

Which was received and read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed by the House to convey to the Senate a resolution which had passed that body, relative to the cultivation of tropical fruits;

Which was received, and the resolution read the first time, rules waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Davidson, Ingram, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—10.

Nays—Messrs. Brokaw, Dawkins and Magbee—3.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Watlington, Rogers and Abercrombie was appointed to certify the passage of the same to the House.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahasse, Feb. 14, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I have approved and signed the following bills and resolutions:

An act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City;

Resolution in regard to land warrants;

An act to amend the seventh section of the thirteenth article of the Constitution of this State;

An act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

An act to incorporate a company to construct a railroad from St. Andrews Bay to some point on the line of Georgia and Alabama in West Florida;

An act to amend the amended Constitution of the State of Florida in relation to the sessions of the General Assembly;

An act providing for the maintenance of the light houses on the seaboard;

An act for the relief of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company and other railroad companies in this State.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

A committee appeared at the bar and returned to the Senate a resolution for the relief Robert L. Bruce and others as having passed the House with amendments;

Which was received, and on motion the amendments of the House concurred in, and the resolution ordered to be enrolled.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and requested the return to the House of a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issue of Treasury notes;

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Ingram and Davidson was appointed to return said bill to the House.

The committee retired and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed to convey to the Senate the following joint resolution which had passed the House, and to ask the concurrence of the Senate in the same:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the time for the adjournment of this General Assembly is hereby extended until midnight of the 14th of February.

Which was received and the resolution concurred in.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Davidson and Rogers, were appointed to inform the House of the adoption of said resolution by the Senate.

Mr. Simkins, from the committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The committee on Enrolled Bills, beg leave to report the following bills and resolution as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Bank of Tallahassee, at Tallahassee, Fla.;

Joint resolution for the relief of Robert L. Bruce and others; and

An act providing for the punishment of such persons as pretend to hold offices in this State, not recognized by the laws thereof and for other purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS, Chairman.

Which was read.

A committee from the House appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed on the part of the House to convey to the Senate a bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes, which had passed the House with amendments, and to ask the concurrence of the Senate in the same.

On motion, the amendments were taken up separately.

The first of which was adopted.

Upon the adoption of the second the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Baldwin and Call:

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Abercrombie, Baldwin, Call, Chain, Ingram, Magbee, Rogers, Simkins and Watlington—9.

Nays—Mr. President and Mr. Brokaw—2.

So the amendment was concurred in.

The remaining amendments were respectively concurred in.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The bill as amended was ordered to be enrolled.

The rules being waived, Mr. Watlington introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the General Assembly of Florida have heard with pleasure of the selection by the Convention at Montgomery of the Hon. Jefferson Davis and Alexander H. Stephens as President and Vice President of the Southern Confederation, and that in the selection of these two distinguished Statesmen, they recognize that burial of former political differences which is so much to be desired by all true lovers of their country.

Resolved further, That this General Assembly recognizes the Hon. Jefferson Davis as the Chief Magistrate of the Southern Confederation, and as such as being entitled to exercise the same powers and privileges at all points and in all respects within the limits of the State of Florida as the President of the late United States could have exercised, while Florida was a member of that Confederation.

Which was read, and on motion adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution to aid the volunteer companies in this State;

Was read the first time, rules waived, read the second time and on motion, laid on the table.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

House resolution to go into the election of Senators;

Was read the first time, the rules waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion laid on the table.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, Feb. 14, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I have approved and signed the following bills and resolutions;

Resolution in relation to Military laws;

An act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court;

An act providing for the representation of this State in the Southern Confederacy;

An act providing for a stay of executions;

An act to prevent the collection of debts in certain cases from debtors in this State;

An act fixing the time for holding the Courts in the counties of Baker and Nassau;

An act giving the State a right of peremptory challenge in criminal cases;

An act to establish the Bank of Commerce at Fernandina;

Resolution for the relief of Dr. William L. Jones;

An act for the relief of H. H. Hoeg and his assignees;

An act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain school funds;

An act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of five hundred thousand dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida;

An act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment;

Joint resolution for the relief of R. L. Bruce and others; and

An act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

A bill to be entitled an act in regard to Telegraph Companies;

Was on motion, laid on the table.

On motion the Senate took a recess until half-past three o'clock this evening.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum not present.

On motion the Senate took a recess until 9 o'clock, P. M.

NINE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

Mr. Simkins from the committee on Enrolled bills made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled bills ask leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled:

A bill to be entitled an act r. organizing the military forces of this State; and

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. SIMKINS,
Chairman.

Which was received and read.

The following communication was received from the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, February 14, 1861.

To HON. T. J. EPPES,
President of the Senate:

SIR—I am constrained to return to the Senate, without my approval, "An Act to aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a Railroad." Whilst I have ever been disposed to yield to a considerable extent any objections I may have to any of the acts of the General Assembly, which do not affect the general interests of the State, in deference to the judgment of the Legislature, I feel constrained to withhold my assent from the act I now return, as I regard the objections to it as of two serious a nature to be overlooked. The general purpose of the act is to make a grant of land to the county of Hillsborough in aid of the construction of a railroad, but I am not aware of the existence of any law which authorizes that county to construct a road or aid in its construction except the 22d section of the Internal Improvement law, which authorizes any county through which a railroad shall pass, to subscribe for stock and to raise by taxation or by the issuing of bonds, a sum sufficient to meet its subscription. If it is the design of the General Assembly to aid the construction of any road now chartered, having one of its termini at Tampa by and what is already provided by the Internal Improvement law, then it is submitted that the grant should be made directly to the Company which undertakes the construction, otherwise, without intending the slightest disparagement to the persons named as Trustees, in the second section of the act, the purpose in view may be defeated by disagreements which may arise between the company and the Trustees. Again, if the land granted should be desired by the company for the location of their terminus the provisions of the act will place it in the power of the parties authorized to hold possession and convey the title, to obstruct the company and materially embarrass them in their operations. Another feature in the act which I regard as objectionable is, that whilst in the first section the grant is professed to be made to the county, the other sections vest the title and place the control of the land and the proceeds of its sale in the hands of the Trustees to be used and applied when the exigency shall arise, be it sooner or later, for the application of the fund, the State in the meantime having deprived itself of the land and of the right to apply it or its proceeds to such objects as subsequent experience may prove to be right, proper and desirable. In addition to this, the Trustees are given the discretion to sell and convey the land whenever in their *opinion* merely it is necessary to do so, although it might be that no movement may be in progress for the construction of the road and without any condition of a resulting benefit to

the State, that a railroad shall be in process of construction I cannot but think that it is unwise in the State to thus part with its title to the land upon an uncertainty as to when, if ever, the object of the grant is to be inaugurated.

Again, what seems most objectionable is that although a road may never be built, the land itself may remain where the bill places it, and if sold, as would most likely be the case, its proceeds will be hung up in the hands of the Trustees without there being any provision for its return to the State, or for its beneficial application to the county of Hillsborough or the citizens thereof.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Tallahassee, Feb. 14, 1861.

Hon. T. J. EPPES,

President of the Senate:

SIR—I have approved and signed the following bills, viz:

An act re organizing the Military forces of this State; and

An act providing for the issue of Treasury notes.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that they had been appointed a committee on the part of the House to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate, to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inquire if he had anything to lay before the General Assembly;

The Chair appointed Messrs. Watlington, Chain and Dawkins as said committee.

The committee retired, and after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed said duty, and that his Excellency had no further communications to lay before the General Assembly, and the committee were discharged.

On motion a committee consisting of Messrs. Magbee, Brokaw and Dawkins was appointed to wait upon the House and inform that body that the Senate was ready to adjourn, in pursuance to joint resolution of the General Assembly.

A committee appeared at the bar and informed the Senate that the House was now ready to adjourn.

The hour of adjournment as fixed by joint resolution of both Houses of the General Assembly having arrived, the President declared the Senate adjourned *sine die*.

APPENDIX.

DOCUMENTS

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, NOV. 1st, 1860.

To his Excellency, MADISON S. PERRY,
Governor of Florida:

Sir: In obedience to the requirements of law, I herewith submit my Report upon the Finances of the State for the year ending on the 31st of October, 1860.

The receipts at the Treasury for the year ending on the 31st October, 1860, amount to			$115,894 89
To wit:—From License Tax,	$6,554 51		
" Fines,	2,685 38		
" Auction Tax,	2,285 96		
" Revenue, 1856,	39 51		
" " 1857,	1,773 99		
" " 1858,	6,858 49		
" " 1859,	93,263 99		
" " 1860,	2,352 06		
On Account of Rent,	60 00		
" Contingent Fund,	16 00		
" Sale of Books,	5 00	—$115,894 89	
The Warrants issued amount to			$117,808 85
To wit:—*Judicial Department*—			
On account of Salaries,	$23,575 00		
" Contingent Expenses of Supreme Court,	1,694 02		
" Fees paid acting Solicitors,	235 00		
" Additional compensation to Judges,	79 50		
" Attendance of Attorney General on Supreme Court,	61 00	—$25,644 52	
Executive Department—			
On account of Salaries,	$5,100 00		
" Governor's Residence,	500 00	—5,600 00	
Military Department—			
On account of Salaries,		168 83	
Ninth General Assembly Adjourned Session—			
On account of Pay of Members and Clerks,	$12,627 00		
" Contingent Expenses proper,	465 58		
" Printing General Laws,	324 40		
" " Miscellaneous,	3,965 50		
" Copying House Journal,	270 00		
" " Senate Journal,	50 00	—17,702 48	

Jurors and Witnesses,.....	31,250 82		
Criminal Prosecutions,.....	23,274 02		
Contingent Expenses of State,.....	4,136 25		
Certificates for Interest due on Scrip issued for Military Service of 1849.....	4,315 42		
Maintenance of Lunatics,.....	2,993 00		
Protection of Public Property,.....	906 35		
Payment for the value of Negro hung, &c..	525 50		
Post Mortem Examinations,.....	594 00		
Indian Hostilities of 1849,.....	395 86		
Pay of U. S. Marshal for Repairing Room in the Capitol,.....	178 00		
Expense Surveying County Lines,.....	75 25		
Repairing of Capitol,.....	48 55	—$68,693 02	—$117,808 85

SCHOOL AND SEMINARY FUNDS.

The following are the receipts during the fiscal year, 1860:

On account of the School Fund,.....	$15,044 23		
" " Seminary Fund,.....	4,776 03		
" " Interest on School Fund,.....	6,802 41		
" " " Seminary Fund,.....	1,104 58	—$27,727 25	

The following are the Warrants drawn during the fiscal year, 1860:

Upon School Fund for the purpose of Investment,..	$15,037 50		
" Sem'y " " " " "	5,012 50		
" School Fund Expense of Investment,.....	112 66		
" Sem'y " " "	18 34		
" " " East Florida State Seminary,....	2,349 58		
" " " West " " "	2,344 58		
" School Fund Contingent Expenses,.....	7 00		
" Sem'y " " "	3 00		
" School Fund Register's Salary,.....	700 00		
" Sem'y " " "	700 00		
" Interest School Fund—Expense of Printing,..	40 00		
" " " " For pay of Teachers,..	3,390 45		
" " " " Under the amended Act to establish Common Schools,.....	9,100 62	—$38,816 23	

Very respectfully,

T. W. BREVARD, Comptroller.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, TREASURY OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, NOV. 19, 1860.

To His Excellency, M. S. PERRY,

Governor of Florida:

Sir: I respectfully present, and through you to the General Assembly, reports from this office, of the receipts and disbursements at the Treasury, for the period of November 1st, 1859, to October 31st, 1860, also reports of the School and Seminary Funds for the same period.

The increase in disbursements for Jurors and Witnesses, Criminal Prosecutions and contingent expenses of Circuit Courts, is largely disproportional to previous periods. For the years following, (ending 31st October,) the payments were:

	For Jurors and Witnesses.	*For Criminal Prosecutions and Contingent Expenses Circuit Courts.*
1854....	$10,033 10	$13,520 81
1855....	11,901 35	12,216 22
1856....	15,220 22	11,560 88
1857....	16,096 51	11,974 41
1858....	16,558 01	8,377 32
1859....	18,931 27	14,952 21
1860....	30,296 84	21,818 87

The increase during which periods varying generally from ten to twenty, while that of the present is from thirty-three to sixty per cent. A large part of criminal prosecution warrants was held by the Tax Collectors, and the unexhausted balances of former appropriations resorted to in order to complete settlements with those officers. Many of them will doubtless again make application for settlement before the enactment of the general appropriation bill, and it will facilitate those cases if an early appropriation can be obtained of ten thousand dollars for Jurors and Witnesses, and the same amount for criminal prosecutions.

Very Respectfully,

C. H. AUSTIN, Treasurer.

The Treasurer in account with the State of Florida:

1860. DR.

Nov. 1.—To balance per report of Nov. 1, 1859,		$20,423 77
" amount received on account of revenue, 1856,		39 51
" " " " " " " 1857,		1,773 99
" " " " " " " 1858,		6,858 49
" " " " " " " 1859,		93,263 94
" " " " " " " 1860,		2,352 06
" " " " " " Licenses,		6,554 51
" " " " " " Fines,		2,085 38
" " " " " " Auction Tax,		2,285 96
" " " " " " Contingent Fund,		16 00
" " " " " " Rent,		60 00
" " " " " " Sale of Books,		5 00
" Balance,		4 43
		$136,323 04

1859. CR.

Nov. 1.—By amount of warrants paid and other disbursements, viz:		
For sinking fund of State Bond account,		$ 5,000 00
" Executive Department,		6,100 00
" Judicial Department,		25,186 02
" Military Department,		168 38
" Indian Hostilities of 1849,		755 60
" Jurors and State Witness,		30,296 84
" Criminal Prosecutions and contg. exps. Circuit Courts,		21,818 87
" Contingent Fund,		5,000 00
" Supreme Court contingent expenses,		1,298 84
" Adjourned Session of Ninth General Assembly, viz:		
Pay of Members, Officers, &c.	$12,957 00	
" to Floridian & Journal, printing,	2,251 70	
" " Florida Sentinel, printing,	2,038 29	
" McDougall & Co., Stationary, &c.	455 58	17,702 57

For Maintenance of Lunatics,		3,036 00
" Interest on State Bonds,		10,079 60
" " " " Scrip,		5,434 68
" J. W. Baker, Judge, extra judicial services,		400 00
" T. F. King, " " " "		400 00
" Post Mortem examinations,		634 70
" Protection of public property and repairs of Capitol,		954 90
" Special act of relief,		1,163 50
" Taxes refunded Jesse M. Willis,		39 38
" Rent, &c., refunded E. E. Blackburn U. S. Marshal, (with recourse upon the General Government),		178 00
" Survey of County lines of Washington, Jackson and Calhoun counties, to determine venue,		75 25
		$136,323 04

The Treasurer in account with the School Fund:

1859. DR.

Nov. 1.	To balance per report of this date,		$17,484 07
11.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, Register,		894 60
Dec. 6.	" " " " " " " "		978 88
1860.			
Jan. 9.	" " " " " " " "		978 34
Feb. 11.	" " " " H. A. Corley, "		3,264 69
Mch. 9.	" " " " " " " "		874 75
April 4.	" " " " " " " "		987 58
25.	" " " " T. W. Brevard, Comptroller,		835 00
May 8.	" " " " H. A. Corley, Register,		2,588 40
Aug. 4.	" " " " " " " "		2,265 35
Oct. 4.	" " " " " " " "		1,376 74
	" " Interest received,		9,292 41
			$41,820 70

1860. CR.

Jan. 9.	By Cash paid quarter salary of D. S. Walker, Register,		$ 175 00
Mch. 31.	" " " T. W. Brevard, Comptroller for investment,		15,037 05
April 7.	" " " quarter salary of H. A. Corley, Register,		175 00
July 10.	" " " " " " " " "		175 00
	" " " Warrant for Dyke & Carlisle,		4 00
	" " " " " H. A. Corley, Register, interest for disbursement,		9,100 92
	" " " " " T. W. Brevard, Comptroller,		64 50
	" " " " " H. Archer,		48 16
Oct. 6.	" " " " " C. Findeisen,		3 00
	" " " quarter salary of H. A. Corley, Register,		175 00
	" " " Warrants of Comp., int. to School Teachers,		3,740 58
	" balance on hand,		13,122 04
			$41,820 70

1860.

Nov. 1.	To balance cash on hand,		$13,122 04
	Other assets, viz:		
	State stock,	$41,500 00	
	Bond of city of Tallahassee,	3,300 00	
	" " Gadsden county,	2,071 37	
	Land notes,	194 22	47,065 59
			$60,187 63

NOTE.—Putnam county Bond $3,000 delivered to T. W. Brevard, Comptroller

The Treasurer in account with the Seminary Fund:

1859.		DR.		
Nov.	1.	—To balance per report of this date,.....	$ 3,155	63
	11.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, Register,.....	13	55
Dec.	6.	" " " " " " " "	699	10
1860.				
Jan.	9.	" " " " " " " "	1,582	34
Feb.	11.	" " " " H. A. Corley, "	744	19
Mch.	9.	" " " " " " "	439	61
April	4.	" " " " " " "	296	71
Aug.	4.	" " " " " " "	160	10
Oct.	4.	" " " " " " "	840	43
		" " interest received,.....	4,084	58
			$12,016	24

1859.		CR.		
Oct.	31.	—By amount paid East Florida Seminary,.....	$ 854	58
		" " " West " "	854	58
1860.				
Jan.	9.	" " " quarter salary, D. S. Walker, Register,.....	175	00
	20.	" " " East Florida Seminary.....	745	00
		" " " West " "	745	00
Mch	31.	" " " T. W. Brevard Compt. for investment,.....	5,012	50
April	11.	" " " quarter salary, H. A. Corley, Register,.....	175	00
July	10.	" " " " " " " "	175	00
Aug.	8.	" " " Warrant for T. W. Brevard, Comptroller,..	10	50
		" " " " " H. Archer,.....	7	84
Oct.	6.	" " " " " C. A. Findeisen,.....	3	00
		" " " quarter salary, H. A. Corley, Register,.....	175	00
		" " " West Florida Seminary,.....	745	00
		" " " trans. to credit W. F. Sem., (advised).....	552	29
		" " " " " " E. " " (advised) 745 00		
		" " " " " " " " " " 552 29—	1,297	29
		" balance,.....	488	66
			$12,016	24

1860.				
Nov.	1.	—To balance cash on hand,.....	$488	66
		Other Assets, viz:		
		State Stocks,.....$48,500 00		
		Duval county bond,..... 1,000 00		
		Land notes,..... 666 57—	50,166	57
			$50,655	23

NOTE.—South Carolina Bond $1,492 44 delivered T. W. Brevard, Comptroller.

A Summary of the Receipts and Disbursements at the Treasury, from the 1st day of November, 1859, to the 31st day of October, 1860.

RECEIPTS.

On Account of State of Florida,.....	$136,323	04
" " " School Fund,.....	41,820	70
" " " Seminary Fund,.....	12,016	24
	$190,159	98

PAYMENTS.

On Account State of Florida,.....	$136,323	04
" " School Fund,.....	28,698	66
" " Seminary Fund,.....	11,527	58

BALANCES.

School Fund,	13,122 04
Seminary Fund,	488 66
	$190,159 98

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STATE REGISTER'S REPORT.

STATE REGISTER'S OFFICE,
November 1st, 1860.

To his Excellency MADISON S. PERRY, *Governor of Florida:*

SIR: As Register of Public Lands and Superintendent of Common Schools and Seminaries for the State, I have the honor to submit to your Excellency the following as the Biennial Report of this office:

SEMINARY FUND.

From October 31st, 1858, to November 1st, 1860, there have been sold, of the lands belonging to this Fund, 3,097 79-100 acres, at an average price of a little over $3.94½ per acre, producing, in cash, $3,683.65, and, in bonds, $9,626.69. Add this number of acres to the 32,651 59-100 stated as having been sold at the date of the last report of my predecessor, and it appears that the whole number of acres belonging to this fund sold since the establishment of this office is 35,748 79-100, producing in cash and bonds the sum of $84,935.58.

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements on account of this Fund during the period embraced in this report:

Received in cash:

From cash payments made for entries of lands, - - - - -	$3,683 65	
From bonds given for credit instalments,	4,410 56	
From balance on hand per last report,	3 72	
		$8,094 21
Disbursements:		
Amount paid to C. H. Austin, Treasurer,	8,040 31	
Balance on hand not paid over, -	53 90	
		$8,094 21

SCHOOL FUND.

From October 31st, 1858, to November 1st, 1860, there have been sold, of lands belonging to this Fund, 14,827 11-100 acres, at an average price of a little more than $1.38¼ per acre, yielding, in cash, $8,421.44, and, in bonds, $12,578.98. Add this number of acres to the 46,881 96-100 acres stated as having been sold in the last report from this office, and it appears that

the whole number of acres belonging to this Fund sold since November 23d, 1850, is 61,709 7-100 acres, producing, in cash and bonds, the sum of $99,681.01.

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements on account of this Fund during the period embraced in this report:

Received in cash:

From sales of lands, being cash payments,	$8,421 44	
From payment of instalment bonds,	21,749 46	
Balance not paid over per last report,	28 64	
		$30,199 54

Disbursements:

Paid Williams, Gwynn and Harris for appraising, - - - -	$1,621 11	
Paid for binding and printing 1 vol. certificates, - - - -	8 00	
Money refunded upon an erroneous entry,	15 00	
Paid C. H. Austin, Treasurer, -	27,657 79	
Balance not paid over, - -	897 64	
		$30,199 54

COMMON SCHOOLS.

The following statements show the number of children in each county between the ages of five and eighteen years, and the am't of money apportioned to each county, accruing from the interest of the School Fund, for the years 1859 and 1860:

A.

The Apportionment of Interest accruing on the School Fund from July 1st, 1858, to July 1st, 1859, among the several Counties in the State.

COUNTIES.	No. Children.	Amount.	Remarks.
Escambia,	650	$279 18	Amount apportioned for each child a little over 41-57 cents.
Santa Rosa,	1,044	434 00	
Walton,	520	216 13	
Washington,	466	193 70	
Holmes,	331	137 60	
Jackson,	1,946	808 85	
Calhoun,	250	103 92	
Franklin,	505	210 33	
Gadsden,	1,062	441 42	
Liberty,	265	110 15	
Leon,	1,210	505 00	
Wakulla,	501	208 25	
Jefferson,	839	348 73	
Madison,	973	404 44	
Taylor,	160	66 50	
Lafayette,	160	66 50	
Hamilton,	651	270 60	
Columbia,	1,745	725 32	
Nassau,	351	145 89	
Duval,	1,602	665 88	
Alachua,	900	374 09	
Marion,	929	386 15	
Sumter,	233	96 85	
St. Johns,	452	187 88	
Putnam,	507	210 73	
Orange,	220	91 44	
Volusia,	208	86 46	
Brevard,	100	41 56	
Levy,	272	113 05	
Hernando,	269	112 80	
Hillsborough,	700	290 96	
Manatee,	148	61 51	
Monroe,	590	245 23	
	20,760	$8,630 10	

B.

Apportionment of Interest accruing on the School Fund from July 1st, 1859, to July 1st, 1860, among the several Counties of the State of Florida.

COUNTIES.	No. Children.	Amount.	Remarks.
Escambia,	567	$255 15	Amount apportioned for each child, 45 cents.
Santa Rosa,	1,044	469 80	
Walton,	485	218 25	
Washington,	435	195 75	
Holmes,	410	184 50	
Jackson,	1,995	897 75	
Calhoun,	200	90 00	
Franklin,	421	189 45	
Gadsden,	1,058	476 10	
Liberty,	272	122 40	
Leon,	1,133	509 85	
Wakulla,	527	237 15	
Jefferson,	862	387 90	
Madison,	1,081	486 45	
Taylor,	412	185 40	
Lafayette,	160	72 00	
Hamilton,	875	393 75	
Suwannee,	328	147 60	
Columbia,	919	413 55	
New River,	500	225 00	
Nassau,	386	173 70	
Duval,	434	195 30	
Clay,	313	140 85	
St. Johns,	624	280 80	
Putnam,	510	229 50	
Alachua,	900	405 00	
Marion,	1,200	540 00	
Sumter,	233	104 85	
Orange,	220	99 00	
Volusia,	208	93 60	
Brevard,	100	45 00	
Levy,	341	153 45	
Hernando,	408	183 60	
Hillsborough,	867	390 15	
Manatee,	148	66 60	
Monroe,	602	270 90	
	21,178	$9,530 10	

But few of the County Superintendents have reported anything except the census of children as returned to them by the Tax Assessors.

In Escambia county—One Teacher was employed during the year ending July 1, 1860, teaching 27 Scholars; amount paid him, $117.65; during the previous year six teachers were employed, teaching 150 children; amount paid them $677.50; several of said teachers were employed only a part of the year.

In Santa Rosa county—No children attended school under the provisions of the Act of 1853 during the year 1859, no Common Schools being as yet organized. No appropriation by the county for Common Schools.

In Washington county—Teachers employed in 1859, nine; amount paid them, $173.55; No. of scholars taught, 152; Teachers employed in 1860, four; amount paid them, $96.75; Scholars taught, 92. Nothing appropriated by the county.

In Jackson county—Teachers employed in 1859, ten; amount paid them, $355; Scholars taught, 258: amount appropriated by the county during the year, $807.46; in 1860, No. of Teachers employed, 16; amount paid them, $595; Scholars taught, 464; amount appropriated by the county, $934.77.

In Wakulla county—No children attending school under the Act. The County Commissioners have laid a tax of 10 per cent. upon the State Tax for Common School purposes.

In Duval county—Two Teachers were employed; amount paid them, $94.50; No. of children taught, 33.

In Marion county, 1860—Teachers employed, fourteen; am't paid them, $426.75; No. of children taught, 256.

In Monroe county, 1859—Teacher employed, one; assistants, two; No. of schools, 1; No. of children attending school, 146; amount paid Teachers, $727.65; amount paid from county apportionment, $545. In 1860—Teacher employed, 1; assistants, 1; No. of schools, 1; children attending school, 195; amount paid Teachers, $824.80; total sum apportioned to said county by State and county, $825.

The apportionment of the interest of the School Fund in 1860 gives 45 cents for each child between the ages of five and eighteen years. This is the largest apportionment ever made from the School Fund. *If equally distributed*, it is evident the amount is insufficient to confer any practical benefit upon the children of our State. This suggestion is all that I suppose necessary to call the attention of yourself and the Legislature to the subject.

By the Act of the last Legislature it is made the duty of the State Superintendent to pay the amount of school money apportioned annually, to each county, to the Judge of Probate of the county. The law does not provide that the County Superintendents shall make any report of the manner in which said Fund is disposed of or invested.

SEMINARIES.

Circumstances over which I had no control have so far prevented me from visiting the Seminary at Ocala this year, nor have I received any report from the Board of Visitors.

I have several times visited the Seminary at Tallahassee, and find that there are prospects of it becoming a highly useful institution.

HUGH A. CORLEY, Register

SALESMAN'S REPORT.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., NOV. 1, 1860.

To his Excellency, Madison S. Perry, Governor of Florida, and President of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund:

SIR: As Salesman of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, I have the honor to submit the following Report of sales and receipts in this office for the two last years.

From 31st October, 1858, to November 1st, 1860, there have been sold of lands belonging to the original Internal Improvement Fund 7,949.37 acres, at an average price of nearly $2.17 per acre. Add this number of acres to the 153,572.91 stated to have been sold in the last Report of my predecessor, and it appears that 161,522.28 acres belonging to this Fund have been sold since the establishment of this Office. In addition to these, the Board has issued to the St. John,s and Indian River Canal Commissioners a deed for 20,227.78 acres of Internal Improvement lands, making the whole amount heretofore disposed of 181,750.06.

During the period embraced in this Report there have been sold of swamp and overflowed lands granted by the act of Congress of September 28th, 1850, 60,973.95 acres, making the whole amount of these lands sold since they were brought into market 179,195.90 acres.

The annexed tables, marked A and B, exhibit statements of the monthly sales during the period embraced in this Report, and of the monthly receipts up to the 1st of April last. Since the last named date the moneys have been received by C. H. Austin, Esq., Treasurer of the Board.

HUGH A. CORLEY, Salesman, &c.

A.

Statement of Sales of Internal Improvement and Swamp Lands, from November 1st, 1858, to November 1st, 1860.

MONTH.	SWAMP LANDS.			INTER'L IMP. LANDS.		
	No. Acres Sold.	A't. Cash Payme't.	Amt. Bonds Received.	No. Acr's Sold.	A't. Cash Payme't.	Amt. Bonds Received.
November, 1858,...	2,928.01	$1106 45	$3,418 53	480.22	$287 85	$768 44
December, 1858,...	3,432.08	1121 35	3,551 75	80.19	52 00	139 15
January, 1859,.....	4,373.94	2572 23	4,367 91	242.82	179 00	482 65
February, 1859,....	6,537.45	2881 48	7,497 60	210.08	133 00	357 48
March, 1859,.....	2,730.62	2440 51	1,180 60	232.36	190 11	193 54
April, 1859,.....	1,364.77	1615 35		160.14	289 00	
May, 1859,.....	3,211.97	3688 02	239 50	160.98	339 24	
June, 1859,.....	1,837.35	2320 92		131.15	71 91	195 26
July, 1859,.....	3,0[illegible]	[illegible] 06		40.17	96 66	
August, 1859,.....	2,140.40	2639 30		197.02	107 05	291 99
September, 1859,..	2,097.19	2343 11		119.84	79 15	213 90
October, 1859,.....	1,[illegible]	2256 17		78.94	44 00	117 32
November, 1859,...	2,[illegible]	[illegible]		80.02	44 24	119 26
December, 1859,...	2,991.53	3405 68		200.07	153 18	413 19
January, 1860,.....	2,[illegible]	3001 65		40.00	71 90	
February, 1860,....	2,759.59	3076 14		160.12	125 18	338 73
March, 1860,.....	1,[illegible]	2093 60		118.72	65 66	176 98
April, 1860,.....	2,[illegible]	[illegible]		80.00		
May, 1860,.....	1,210.63			2751.02		
June, 1860,.....	1,519.26			1321.00		
July, 1860,.....	1,566.23			240.00		
August, 1860,.....	1,381.23			704.14		
September, 1860,..	2,236.15			120.37		
October, 1860,.....	1,529.60					
	60,6[illegible]		$20,255 27	7949.37		$3,807 89

Received by C. H. Austin, Treasurer.

Credit system abolished.

Received by C. H. Austin, Treasurer.

Credit system abolished.

B.

Statement of the amount of Cash received on account of Sales of Swamp and Internal Improvement Lands from November 1st, 1858, to April 1st, 1860.

MONTH.	Cash Payments.	Notes Paid.	Inter. on Notes.	TOTAL.
November, 1858,..	$1,394 28	$3,013 63	$65 27	$4,473 18
December, 1858,...	1,773 33	2,997 54	30 71	4,801 58
January, 1859,.....	2,751 23	4,639 69	148 08	7,599 00
February, 1859,....	3,014 48	5,814 74	4 80	8,834 02
March, 1859,.....	2,689 62	3,359 60	49 09	6,098 31
April, 1859,.....	1,934 25	2,201 46	6 96	4,142 67
May, 1859,.....	4,027 26	3,079 02	10 57	7,116 85
June, 1859,.....	2,392 83	2,920 92	69 38	5,383 13
July, 1859,.....	4,116 72	2,690 63	16 88	6,824 23
August, 1859,.....	2,746 35	2,301 30	44 77	5,092 42
September, 1859,..	2,421 26	1,165 30	39 21	3,625 77
October, 1859,.....	2,300 17	4,384 08	535 06	7,219 31
November, 1859,..	3,101 72	4,320 19	126 02	7,547 93
December, 1859,...	3,618 86	3,609 34	22 30	7,250 50
January, 1860,.....	3,073 55	3,601 57	37 62	6,712 74
February, 1860,...	3,201 32	6,032 41	103 50	9,337 23
March, 1860,.....	2,159 26	3,248 36	31 97	5,439 59
Total,.....	$46,716 49	$59,439 78	$1,342 19	$107,498 46

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURY OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, NOV. 20, 1860.

To His Excellency, MADISON S. PERRY,

Governor of Florida:

Sir: I respectfully present (and through you to the General Assembly,) my report of the financial affairs of the Internal Improvement Fund, for the two years beginning November 1, 1858, and ending October 31, 1860.

Since the organization of the Board of Trustees, the Fund has received (in round numbers,) four hundred and seventy-one thousand and eighty-five dollars, from the following sources:

From sale of lands—cash,.....	$21,000 00	
In Tallahassee Railroad bonds,.....	3,100 00—	$24,100 00
From the General Government on account of land reclamations,.....		12,000 00
From sales of State stocks,.....		1,000 00
From the several Railroads of the system on account of their earnings,.....		334 84
From Interest account—in cash,.....	$13,080 00	
In bonds,.....	2,000 00—	15,080 00
From bills payable,.....		19,000 00
From Calhoun county bonds,.....		300 00

From miscellaneous sources,.....		230 46
		$471,085 00
Tallahassee Railroad Company Bonds on hand from land sales and interest account,.....		5,100 00
		$465,985 00
Which has been disbursed for the following purposes:		
Invested in Bonds of the several Railroads of the system,...		$120,145 00
Disbursed for the interest on the Bonds of the said Railroad Companies,.....		231,300 00
Disbursed for the St. Johns and Indian River Canal,.....		6,000 00
Disbursed for selecting lands:		
Paid H. Wells and A. M. Randolph,.....	$82,475 00	
Paid Walter Gwynn,.....	4,151 00—	86,626 00
Disbursed for management and sale of lands,.....		6,500 00
For legal services,.....		500 00
For rescinded land contracts,.....		600 00
For interest account,.....		1,887 00
For bills payable account,.....		8,706 04
For miscellaneous purposes,.....		3,222 61
Balance on hand,.....		498 35
		$465,985 00

The Florida Rail Road Company.

The amount of interest paid upon the bonds of this Company with that which has accrued on their bonds held by the Trustees is,.....		$195,195 00
To which add land dividend and stock interest,.....		19,265 91
		$214,460 91
For which there have been received certificates of Stock,.....	$130,100 00	
Cash on net earnings account.....	6,937 33—	137,037 33
		$77,423 58

They have acknowledged receipt of statement and say that the certificate for the balance shall be forthcoming, and have presented a draft for the amount of $4,379 36 to be applied to there net earnings account.

The Pensacola & Georgia Rail Road Company.

The amount of interest paid for this Company, with that which has likewise accrued, &c., is,		$32,100 00
For which has been rec'd certificates of stock,...	$26,900 00	
Cash on net earnings account,.....	5,200 00—	$32,100 00

The Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Rail Road Company.

The amount of interest paid and that which has accrued, &c.,.....		$22,505 00
For which has been rec'd certificates of stock,...	$16,300 00	
Cash on net earnings account,.....	6,198 71	
Balance,.....	629 00—	$22,505 00

The Tallahassee Rail Road Company.

This Company did not apply to the Fund to provide for the interest of their bonds.

They have provided for the sinking Fund account to July 1859, by their bonds amounting to,.....			$5,100 00
And cash,.....			505 00
			$5,605 00

ASSETS.

The assets of the Fund are as follows:

Railroad Stocks, viz:			
The Florida Railroad,.....		$130,100	
Pensacola & Georgia Railroad,.....		26,900	
Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad,.....		16,300	
			$173,300 00
Railroad Bonds:			
Tallahassee Railroad,.....$53,600			
Deduct exchg. with Comp'tr for Florida R. R. do. (by order of Board,).... 50,000			
		3,600	
Of sinking Fund,..... 5,100			
Of interest account,..... 2,000			
		10,700	
Florida Railroad Company Bonds,.....		95,000	
Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Bonds,*.. 41,000			
Deduct amount returned to equalize rate of purchase, (by order of Board,)... 2,000			
		39,000	
Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad Bonds,.....		23,000	
			167,700 00
County Bonds:			
Gadsden County,.....		1,150	
CalhounCounty,.....	650		
Less collected,.....	300	350	
			1,500 00
Land Bonds:			
Per Register's List,.....		94,634 81	
Less Collected,.....		8,672 20	
		85,962 61	
Per list of last Report,.....	986 13		
Less collected,.....	451 38	534 75	
			86,497 36
			$428,997 98

Very respectfully,
C. H. AUSTIN,
Treasurer Board Trustees In. Imp. Fund.

*This item was erroneously published $41,500 in last Report. See original extension of Oct. 8, 1858.

The Trustees, in account with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund:

			DR.	
1858.				
Nov.	1.	—To balance per report of this date,.....		$ 14,895 99
	3.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, sal,....		2,703 11
Dec.	6.	" " " " " " " "		4,458 18
	16.	" " " " Florida Railroad Company for 50 per cent. net proceeds of receipts from 1st March to 31st August,.....		261 19
1859.				
Jan.	3.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, sal,....		4,801 58
	26.	" " " " Tallahassee R. R. Company 6 months int. on $5,600 bonds,.....		196 00
		" amount received from same, interest on $3000 bonds of sinking fund,.....		105 00
		" amount received from same, on sinking fund account,.....		130 00
	27.	" amount received from I. B. Stone, sheriff Calhoun county on loan to said county in 1853,.		300 00
Feb.	5.	" amount received from D. S. Walker,. sal,...		7,599 00
	9.	" " " " Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company, for 50 per cent. net proceeds of receipts to December 1, 1858,.....		2,000 00
	18.	" amount on hand, notes.....		221 94
April	6.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, sal,....		11,881 33
May	2.	" " " " " " " "		4,142 67
June	3.	" " " " " " " "		7,066 85
	22.	" " " " Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company for 50 per cent. net proceeds of receipts to 31st ultimo,.....		1,200 00
Sep.	3.	" amount received from Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad Company for 50 per ct. net proceeds of receipts to July 1, 1859,.....		883 71
Oct.	6.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, sal,....		20,975 65
Nov.	1.	" " " " " " " "		7,219 31
	10.	" " " " Gov. Perry, a United States Treasury Warrant No. 1262—No. 811 as a part of the land reclamation of this fund from the General Government,.....		42,038 55
				$133,080 86

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1858.				
Nov.	3.	—By cash paid Randolph & Wells, on account contract for selecting lands,.....		$1,047 79
	15.	" amount paid W. A. Forward, Chairman Board of Commissioners, on account of a survey for a canal between Indian and St. John's Rivers,.....		1,000 00
Dec.	6.	" amount paid Randolph & Wells, on account of contract.....		1,531 91
	10.	" amount paid to Charleston Mercury for advertising for proposals to cut St. John's and Indian River Canal,.....		36 00
	18.	" amount paid S. Turman's bill for advertising change in price of swamp lands,.....		2 50
1859.				
Jan.	3.	" amount paid Randolph & Wells, on account		

		of contract,.....		2,194 17
	5.	By amount paid interest on $18,000 of Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company bonds for 6 months,.....		630 00
	17.	" amount paid McDougall & Hobby for stationary for salesman's office,.....		46 09
	18.	" amount paid Geo. Damon for a desk for Secretary's office,.....		15 00
		" amount paid qr. salary of officers, viz:		
		D. S. Walker, sales-man,.....200 00		
		M. D. Papy, secretary,.....100 00		
		C. H. Austin, treasurer,.....125 00—		425 00
	25.	" amount paid Wm. A Forward, Chm'n Board Commissioners on account survey of Canal between St. Johns and Indian rivers,.....		1,600 00
Feb.	4.	" amount paid interest on $127,000 bonds of the Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company,.....4,445 00		
		Exchange,..... 22 23—		4,467 23
		" amount paid interest on $1000 bond of Florida Railroad Company,.... 35 00		
		Exchange,..... 18—		35 18
		" amount paid Randolph & Wells on account contract,.....		2,772 22
	9.	" amount paid Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company, making the rate of investment in their bonds equal with the other Roads,...		2,000 00
	10.	" amount paid M. Nash, P. M., postage bill for Salesman's office,.....		46 46
	19.	" amount paid John Bradford, Eng. balance for services rendered for examination upon Fla. Railroad,.....		100 00
	24.	" amount paid interest on $86,000 bonds Florida Railroad Company,.....3,010 00		
		Exchange,..... 15 05—		3,025 05
	24.	" amount paid interest on $10,000 bonds Florida Railroad Company,..... 350 00		
		Exchange,..... 1 75—		351 75
	25.	" amount paid T. W. Brevard, Comptroller, for School and Seminary Fund, in the exchange of $50,000 of Tallahassee R. R. Co. Bonds for same amount of Florida R. R. Co. Bonds, being the difference in the accumulated interest,.....		1,166 66
Mch.	17.	" amount paid Florida Peninsular advertising change in price of Swamp Lands,.....		5 00
		" amount paid Randolph and Wells on account contract,.....		2,620 73
		" amount paid Interest on $2.000 Bonds of Pen. & Geo. R. R. Company,.....		70 00
		" amount paid interest an $10,000 Fla. R. R. Co. (two instalments,).....		700 00
	22.	" amount paid Marianna Patriot, advertising change in price of swamp lands,.....		7 50
		" amount paid Jacksonville Standard for same,		6 50
		" amount paid interest on $628,000 Fla. R. R. Co. bonds,.....$21,980 00		
		Exchange,..... 109 90—		22,089 90

		By amount paid interest on $1,000 bond of Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co.	35 00	
		Exchange,	17—	35 17
		" amount paid interest on $1,000 bond of Fla. R. R. Co.,	35 00	
		Exchange,	17—	35 17
	30.	" amount paid interest on $6,000 bonds of Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co.,		210 00
April	2.	" amount paid Independent Press, publishing change in price of Swamp lands,		5 00
	8.	" amount paid Randolph & Wells, on account of contract,		2,610 49
		" amount paid quarter salaries of officers, viz.:		
		D. S. Walker, salary to 1st inst.	$248 87	
		M. D. Papy, " " "	100 00	
		C. H. Austin, " " "	125 00—	473 87
	25.	" amount paid Jacksonville Republican, advertising change in price of swamp lands,		6 50
May	2.	" amount paid Randolph & Wells, on account of contract,		1,828 43
June	3.	" amount paid Randolph & Wells, on account of contract		3,266 28
	13.	" amount paid Milton Courier, advertising change in price of swamp lands,		5 00
Sept.	8.	" amount paid quarter salaries of officers, viz.:		
		D. S. Walker, Salesman,	$300 00	
		F. L. Villepigue, Secretary,	100 00	
		C. H. Austin, Treasurer,	125 00—	525 00
	15.	" amount paid interest on $12,000 bonds of Florida Railroad Company,	420 00	
		Exchange,	4 20—	424 20
		" amount paid interest on $175,000 Pen. & Geo. Railroad bonds,	6,125 00	
		Exchange,	61 25—	6,186 25
	17.	" amount paid interest on $10,000 Florida Railroad bonds, (2 instal.)		700 00
Oct.	6.	" amount paid qr. salary officers, viz:		
		D. S. Walker, Salesman,	300 00	
		F. L. Villepigue, Secretary,	100 00	
		C. H. Austin, Treasurer,	125 00—	525 00
		" amount paid Florida Sentinel bill printing for Salesman's office,		45 00
		" amount paid M. Nash, P. M. postage for same		20 35
		" amount paid Randolph & Wells on account contract,		3,222 95
		" amount paid interest on $743,000 of Florida Railroad Company bonds	26,005 00	
		" amount paid interest on $66,000 of Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad bonds,	2,310 00	
		" amount paid State Bank of Florida, Exchange on above	331 80	
		Interest " "	280 00—	28,926 80
	31.	" amount paid Randolph & Wells on account contract,		2,143 84
		" amount paid M. Nash, P. M., postage bill for Salesman's office,		46 86
		" amount balance interest paid State Bank,		28 65
		" balance,		34,506 71
				$133 080 86

1859. DR.

Nov.—	1.	To balance,.....	$34,506 71
Dec.	5.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, Salesman,	7,547 95
	7.	" " " " Tallahassee Railroad on sinking fund account,.....	40 00
1860.			
Jan.	6.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, Salesman,	7,250 50
Feb.	6.	" " " " H. A. Corley, Salesman.	6,663 31
	20.	" " " " Florida Railroad Company, as half net earnings, for periods ending 1st March and September, 1859.....	6,676 33
	24.	" amount received from Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad Company, on account one-half net earnings,.....	1,400 00
March	1.	" amount received on land notes,.....	229 44
	4.	" " " from H. A. Corley, Salesman,	5,439 59
April	14.	" " " " Pen. & Geo. Railroad Company, as one-half net earnings, period ending November 30, 1859,.....	2,000 00
	20.	" amount received from Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad Company, on account one-half net earnings,.....	175 00
July	30.	" amount received from same, on account same,	870 00
Oct.	4.	" " " " " " " "	2,870 00
		" " " " bills payable,.....	19,000 00
	31.	" " " " land sales,.....	24,891 00
		" " " " " notes,.....	8,672 20
			$128,232 03

1859. CR.

Dec.	5.—	By amount paid Randolph & Wells on account of selecting lands,.....	3,051 23
	23.	" amount paid Pensacola Gazette, advertising change in price of swamp lands,.....	7 50
		" amount paid Milton Courier for same,.....	5 00
1860.			
Jan.	6.	" amount paid officers salary, viz:	
		D. S. Walker, Salesman,..... 300 00	
		F. L. Villepigue, Secretary,..... 100 00	
		C. H. Austin, Treasurer,..... 125 00—	525 00
	16.	" amount paid Floridian & Journal advertising change in price of swamp lands,.....	7 50
	23.	" amount paid Wm. Law, Esq., Att'y, for legal opinion relation to the power of a majority of the Board of Trustees,.....	500 00
	31.	" amount paid interest on $87,000 of the Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company,.....	3,045 00
Feb.	8.	" amount paid two instalments on Bond 116 Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co.....	70 00
	9.	" amount paid interest on $22,000 Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co. bonds, viz.: 21st July, 1859, coupons; 22d January, 1860, do.,.....	1,505 00
	24.	" amount paid interest on $40,000 Fla., At. & Gulf Cen. R. R. Co. bonds,.....	1,400 00
March	7.	" amount paid McDougall & Hobby, bill stationary for Salesman's office,.....	61 13
		" amount paid interest on $10,000 Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co. bonds,.....	350 00

	8.	By amount paid M. Nash, P. M., postage bill Salesman's office,.....		32 55
		" amount paid interest on $1,012,000 Florida R. R. Co. bonds,.....		35,420 00
		" amount paid interest on $71,000 Fa., At. & Gulf Cen. R. R. Co. bonds,.....		2,485 00
		" amount paid interest on $82,000 Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co. bonds,.....		2,870 00
		" amount paid advertising in New York and express transportation,.....		7 50
		" amount paid exchange balance,.....		42 29
	28.	" amount paid interest on $10,000 Florida R. R. Co. bonds,.....		350 00
April	2.	" amount paid interest on $8,000 Fla., At. & Gulf Cen. R. R. Co. bonds,.....		280 00
	12.	" amount paid do. on $1,000 do. do. do.....		35 00
	17.	" amount paid do. on $2,000 do. do. do.....		70 00
	18.	" amount paid quarter salaries officers, viz.:		
		H. A. Corley, Salesman,.....$300 00		
		F. L. Villepigue, Secretary,..... 100 00		
		C. H. Austin, Treasurer,..... 125 00—		525 00
	20.	" amount paid interest on $5,000 Fla., At. & Gulf R. R. Co. bonds,.....		175 00
May	2.	" amount paid Fla., At. & Gulf R. R. Co., balance on net earnings account,.....		17 28
	20.	" amount paid bill Florida Dispatch advertising sale of lands,.....		24 00
		" amount paid Floridian & Journal, blanks for Salesman,.....		22 50
July	16.	" amount paid M. Nash, P. M., postage account Salesman's office,.....		23 15
	19.	" amount paid quarter salary officers, viz:		
		H. A. Corley, Salesman,..... 200 00		
		F. L. Villepigue, Secretary,..... 100 00		
		C. H. Austin, Treasurer,..... 200 00—		500 00
	30.	" amount paid interest on 24,000 dollars Florida Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad Company Bonds,.....		840 00
August	2.	" amount paid bill Florida Peninsular, advertising public sale lands,.....		10 00
		" amount paid bill Eastern Herald for same,.....		24 00
		" " " " Home Companion for same,.		15 00
Oct.	4	" amount paid quarter salary officers, viz:		
		H. A. Corley, Salesman,..... 200 00		
		F. L. Villepigue, Secretary,..... 100 00		
		C. H. Austin, Treasurer,..... 200 00—		500 00
		" amount paid W. D. Moseley, Ch. Indian River and St. Johns Canal Company, to meet interest on bonds of said company,.....		4,000 00
		" amount paid interest on $1,198,000		
		Florida R. R. Company Bonds,.. 41,930 00		
		Exchange,..... 419 30		
		Advertising and Express transportation,..... 650 00—		42,355 80
		" amount paid interest on $340,000		
		Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central		
		Railroad Company Bonds,..... 11,900 00		
		Exchange,..... 90 30		
		Advertising and Express,..... 4 25—		11,994 55

By amount paid interest on $172,000 Pen. & Geo. Railroad Co. bonds,	$6,020 00		
Exchange,	60 20		
Advertising and Express,	3 05—		6,083 25
" amount paid on account of bills payable,			8,706 04
" balance,			498 35
			$128,433 62
1860. Nov. 1.—To balance,			$498 35

C. H. AUSTIN,

Treasurer Board of Trustees Internal Imp't. Fund.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, November 19, 1860.

His Excellency, M. S. PERRY, Governor, &c.

Sir: The act of July 23d, 1845, directs the Attorney General to report to the Governor "as to the effect and operation of the acts of the last previous session, the decision of the Courts thereon, referring to the previous legislation on the subject, with such suggestions as in his opinion the public interest may demand."

The act to amend the militia and patrol laws of this State, approved 22d December, 1859, has not, to my knowledge, been sufficiently tested in its practical workings to enable me to suggest any amendments, except such as seem to be needful when considered in reference to the exigency for which it was intended to provide.

One of the purposes of the act was to secure the enrollment of all persons subject to military duty, with the view of ascertaining the effective military strength of the State, and of obtaining the basis upon which a proper distribution of arms might be made. By the proper discharge of their duties by the several officers elected under the act, this purpose may be easily accomplished. But another, and perhaps the more important object, was the efficient military organization and discipline of those upon whom the State has to rely in any case of emergency making it necessary to call its forces into the field. It is impossible to foretell when this emergency will arise, but in view of the present aspect of affairs the ordinary rule of action should be discarded, and the possibility of a danger be held sufficient to exact the best and most efficient measures to place the military forces of the State on the best possible footing. It might perhaps not be considered wise to abolish the militia system alto-

gether, but in connection with it the General Assembly might, by suitable enactments, encourage the organization of volunteer companies, batalions and regiments. To do this in a proper way, a fund should be raised, and although the people are ever alive to any new impositions, it is believed that in times of emergency a true patriotism will not shrink from a necessary burthen. Money performs its part in the protection of the people as well as men, and those who do not give the State their services should not object to yield her the small amount necessary to attain the end in view. Many of our citizens would willingly enrol themselves in volunteer companies if much of the expense incident to their proper organization and discipline were borne by the State. A properly organized volunteer force in each county would form the nucleus of an army around which the citizens generally could rally in case of need, and render more effective service than we could expect under the militia laws.

I beg leave to call the attention of the General Assembly to the Act of last session to amend the laws now in force in this State relative to ejectment suits. The fictitious parties are abolished and the declaration is required to contain a simple statement of the cause of action, but no provision is made in reference to the manner of bringing the party defendant into Court. As the law stands, difficulties may arise in practice as to the manner of serving the defendant with notice, and I therefore suggest that the General Assembly should so amend the law as to provide for the issuing and service of process, as in ordinary common law actions.

I would respectfully call the attention of the General Assembly to those provisions of the laws establishing the *ad valorem* system of taxation, requiring returns to be made of and imposing a tax upon book accounts, as being in many instances unequal. The merchant who has already paid a tax upon his capital, and who, according to the common practice, sells his goods on a credit, in the expectation of realizing his money on the first of January, when the accounts become due, is compelled, if the accounts remain unpaid, to submit to a second tax upon the same capital, without the opportunity of increasing his profits by its re-investment.—Add to this the difficulty of estimating the value of such accounts, many of which are never collected, and it becomes apparent that the law operates with inequality and oftentimes with injustice.—Capital can easily elude the restraints of the law. It may, in a moment, be transferred to those points where the least restrictions are thrown around it. The wisest policy is to encourage its introduction into the State, and leave it as free as possible to seek those channels of trade in which it promises the best returns.

I am, very respectfully, &c.,

M. D. PAPY.

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Journal of the Proceedings

OF THE

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE

STATE OF FLORIDA,

AT ITS

TENTH SESSION,

Begun and Held at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, on Monday, November 26, 1860.

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JOURNAL

Of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of Florida at the Tenth Session thereof, begun and held at the Capitol, in the City of Tallahassee, in the State of Florida, on Monday, the twenty-sixth of November, eighteen hundred and sixty:

On which day, being that fixed by the Constitution of the State of Florida for the meeting of the General Assembly, the House of Representatives was called to order by F. L. Villepigue, Secretary of State, who proceeded to call the roll by Counties, when the following members appeared, presented their certificates of election, and were severally sworn by E. M. West, Justice of the Peace, viz:

From Escambia—Alexander C. Blount.
From Santa Rosa—John Wilkinson.
From Holmes—Clark Broxson.
From Washington—H. H. Wells.
From Jackson—Jacob H. Pooser,
James L. Robinson,
Jacob V. Dansby.
From Calhoun—Levi Yon.
From Franklin—D. P. Holland.
From Gadsden—W. H. Scott,
D. W. Holloman,
S. B. Love.
From Liberty—Archibald Campbell.
From Leon—J. J. Williams,
J. B. Galbraith,
Avin Oliver,
A. S. Cole.
From Jefferson County—J. S. Russell,
P. B. Bird,
B. W. Bellamy.
From Madison, Taylor and Lafayette—D. H. Mays,
C. C. Coffee,
J. A. J. Collins.
From Columbia and Suwannee—Garret VanZant,
N. A. Hull,
Joseph Price.

From New River—W. C. Newbern.
From Nassau—J. H. Haddock.
From Duval—A. A. Canova.
From St. Johns—W. H. Mickler.
From Putnam—G. E. Hawes.
From Orange—David Mizell.
From Volusia—Abraham Richardson.
From Brevard—N. Yates.
From Levy—Thos. N. Clyatt.
From Hernando—N. W. Holland.
From Hillsborough—Joseph Howell.
From Manatee—John Parker.
From Dade—Theodore Bissell.
From Monroe—George L. Bowne.
From Sumter—Josiah A. Lee.
From Clay—Miles J. Murphy.

Quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Hawes, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, November 27th, 1860.

House met pursuant to adjournment.

Journal of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

On motion, Mr. Vogt took the Chair.

The roll was called—a quorum present.

Messrs. Carter, of Wakulla, Means, of Alachua, McCormick, of Marion, McKinnon, of Walton, presented their certificates of election and were severally sworn in.

The House then proceeded to the election of a Speaker.

Mr. Holland, of Franklin, nominated Mr. Galbraith, of Leon.

There being no other nominations, upon motion, Mr. Galbraith was declared unanimously elected Speaker of the House.

On motion, Messrs. Coffee, Holland and Bellamy were appointed a Committee to conduct the Speaker elect to the Chair.

The Speaker addressed the House as follows:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

I thank you for the honor which you have done me in electing me to preside over your honorable body, and shall show my appreciation of the same by exerting myself to the utmost of my ability to preserve that order and promote that dispatch of business which is so necessary, especially at this time, in which I ask, and trust I shall receive, your unanimous co-operation. Never before has a Legislature of Florida been called upon to consider of such grave and weighty matters as those which we will have

to pass upon at this time. The long continued, persistent and unscrupulous aggressions of a majority of the Northern people upon the rights and interests of the Southern States of this Confederacy, have culminated in the election of a man to the Presidency of these United States pledged to make war upon the institutions of the South. The Southern mind is indignant at the result, and the Southern soul is in arms. The people of Florida cannot, must not, will not submit tamely to these insults and wrongs. To us the people look for the initiation of measures of redress, and the ways and means of sustaining our State during this crisis. Let us approach these questions with that earnest, temperate consideration that the vastness of their results demand. Within the next few months we will decide the political destiny of ourselves and of our posterity for ages. No crisis in our history can be more solemn and important than the one in the midst of which we now are. It should obliterate all traces of party and personal discord or jealousy. The petty contests among ourselves become contemptible in this great emergency, and all men of all parties and sections in our State should unite their best counsels as brothers embarked in a common ship. If the State of Florida is thrown upon her own resources for the support of a national government, it is vitally important that we should give prompt attention to that local legislation which may be immediately demanded by the interests of our own citizens. Let us apply ourselves to these great subjects with energy, and that success which ever attends a virtuous, a brave, and a free people when in the right, will crown our labors and preserve the peace, the rights, and the dignity of the State of Florida.

On motion of Mr. Bellamy, the House went into the election of officers, when the following gentlemen were nominated for their several respective positions without opposition, and upon motion declared unanimously elected:

Chief Clerk—A. J. Peeler, of Leon.
Assistant Clerk—W. F. Bynum, of Lafayette.
Engrossing Clerk—V. A. Clem, of Jefferson.
Enrolling Clerk—W. McPherson, of Walton.
Sergeant-at-Arms—J. C. Kilbee, of Jackson.
Door-Keeper—A. B. Campbell, of Madison.
Messenger—J. W. Tompkins, of Columbia.
Who were duly sworn into office.

Mr. Holland moved that a committee of three be appointed to inform the Senate that the House is organized and ready to unite with a similar committee on the part of the Senate to inform his Excellency, the Governor, that the General Assembly is now organized and ready to receive any communication he may be pleased to make;

Which motion was adopted, and Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Mays and Bellamy were appointed said committee.

Mr. Hawes moved that the Rules of the House at the last session be adopted for the government of the House until other Rules shall be adopted;

Which motion was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Bird, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Bird, Hawes and Williams, was appointed to select a Chaplain for the present session.

Mr. Vogt moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms be required to furnish the House with stationery;

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Murphy moved that a committee of three be appointed to select a Printer for the House;

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Russell moved that the House proceed to the election of a Printer;

Which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Williams nominated Messrs. Dyke & Carlisle, who were, on motion of Mr. Hawes, declared unanimously elected.

Mr. Blount moved that the rules be waived to permit him to introduce a bill without previous notice;

Which motion was adopted.

Mr. Blount introduced a bill to be entitled An act to Quiet Titles and to prevent unjust and vexatious Litigation in the County of Escambia;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hawes gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of Howell H. Baisden, Tax Collector of Putnam County.

A committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Dawkins, Starke and Magbee, informed the House that the Senate was organized and ready to proceed to business.

The following communication was received from the Hon. D. L. Yulee, and ordered to be read:

DEAR SIR:—Oblige me by communicating the enclosed to the House over which you preside. I have sent by the mail a duplicate, but the enclosed is what I have to request you to present immediately upon your organizing.

I wish the General Assembly to know at once that I go with my State, and that I shall not retain a seat in Congress one instant beyond the hour of summons home to her sons.

Yours Respectfully,

D. L. YULEE.

To the Speaker.

WASHINGTON, NOV. 20, 1860.

To the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of Florida:

GENTLEMEN—Allow me through you to announce to the General Assembly, as the Electing Body, under the Constitution of the United States, for Senators in Congress, that upon learning at any time between this and the fourth day of March next, of the determination of Florida to dissolve her union with the Northern States, I shall promptly and joyously return home, to support the banner of the State to which my allegiance is owing, and in which my family altar is established.

Respectfully your servant,
D. L. YULEE.

The Committee appointed to inform the Senate of the organization of the House returned and reported that duty performed, and were discharged.

Mr. Hawes introduced the following petition:

To the Honorable the Speaker of the House of
Representatives in General Assembly met:

The Petition of Benjamin Frisbee, contesting the seat of Miles J. Murphy of Clay County, respectfully showeth that he is the duly elected Representative from said County;

That said Murphy received the Certificate of Election, because of alleged informality in the returns of Long Branch Precinct;

That said precinct was not counted in canvassing the returns of the County;

That they should have been counted and by so doing it would appear that he received a majority of the votes of the County, which he is able to show;

That he is the elected representative of said County, and as such, entitled to the seat of the Hon. Miles J. Murphy, who received the Certificate of Election.

B. FRISBEE.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Elections.

The following message from his Excellency the Governor was received and read:

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, November 26th, 1860.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

The crisis, long expected by men of observation and reflection, has at length come. A series of aggressions and insults, commencing forty years ago, by the Northern States against the Southern, and increasing in audacity as time rolled on and the South forbore, has been pushed to a point at which further forbearance of the South would justify the allegation that we "are afraid to resist."

The election of Lincoln and Hamlin to the two highest offices in the confederacy, viewed in connection with the circumstances that led to the result, and the determination of Northern fanatics to urge their mad schemes, regardless of the welfare and the security of the Southern people, ought to extinguish any desire of the latter to prolong their connection with those who show such an utter disregard of covenanted rights and of plighted faith.

I will not insult your intelligence or trespass on your patience by recounting the aggressions already perpetrated, or by referring to those that must follow our submission. For myself, in full view of the responsibility of my position, I most decidedly declare that in my opinion the only hope the Southern States have for *domestic peace and safety*, or for future respectability and prosperity, is dependent on their action *now;* and that the proper action is—*Secession from our faithless, perjured* confederates.

But some Southern men, it is said, object to secession until some overt act of unconstitutional power shall have been committed by the *General Government;* that we ought not

to secede until the President and Congress unite in passing an act unequivocally hostile to our institutions and fraught with immediate danger to our rights of property and to our domestic safety. My countrymen! if we wait for such an overt act, our fate will be that of the white inhabitants of St. Domingo.

But why wait for this overt act of the General Government? What is that Government? It is but the trustee, the common agent of all the States, appointed by them to manage their affairs according to a written constitution or power of attorney. Should the sovereign States, then—the principals and the partners in the association—for a moment tolerate the idea that their action must be graduated by the will of their agents? The idea is preposterous.

Let it be constantly had in mind, this essential difference between the relation in which the thirteen colonies stood to the British empire and its government and that relation which the States of this Union occupy towards the federal power and authority. The colonies were fractional parts of one consolidated State. They had no separate organization or powers, except such as they derived from the King and Parliament of Great Britain, consequently they stood in the same relation to that government that the counties of Florida do to the State government. But how different is our condition! Our general government was created by separate, independent sovereign States. It was established for certain specified purposes, defined by a constitution, which constitution is a compact between the *sovereign States* who *created it* and all who have become parties to it. The COLONISTS were *subjects* of the British crown. This they often acknowledged by petitioning that power for a removal of their grievances. When, therefore, they resisted the authority of their confessed sovereign, they placed themselves in a state of rebellion, the purpose of which was revolution. They knew this, yet did they falter even with the penalty of treason staring them in the face? No—they met in conven-

tions—they declared "that governments derived their just powers from the consent of the governed—that they were instituted to protect the people in the enjoyment of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the *right* of the people to alter or *abolish* it." Had they failed to maintain their asserted rights by the sword, they would have been amenable to the penalties denounced against treason. But they succeeded in establishing their independence. After this consummation of their noble struggle, the people of the several colonies, then acknowledged to be *free and independent States*, formed a new Confederation by framing and adopting, *voluntarily*, and each one for itself, that Constitution which is so flagitiously violated by many of the parties to the compact of fraternity.

The preamble to this Constitution recites the purposes for which it was ordained, among which are these: "To establish justice, insure domestic tranquility," &c. Has it effected these objects? Let the question be answered by the forty years' war waged by the Northern States upon the just rights of the Southern—by the statute books of those States, disgraced with laws expressly designed to defraud us of our property, and at the same time insulting us with threats of fine and imprisonment if we seek to reclaim our property even through the operation of that Constitution which they *were sworn to support.* Let it be answered by the machinations of fanatics, and of cold-blooded knaves, to destroy our "domestic tranquility," and this, not only by secret sedition and insurrection, but also by avowed efforts, now nearly consummated, to pervert all the powers of a common government to the perpetration of their fiendish crimes.

Such, fellow-citizens, is a meagre outline only of the pictures of wrong and outrage that we are expected to endure unresistingly. But shall we endure it? Heaven forbid! Forbid it the memory and the example of those noble patriots who pledged their "lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor" to maintain their liberty and their rights. Shall we,

the descendants of such sires, relinquish the rich inheritance thus acquired? Must we jeopard our present security and our future existence as a free people, by stopping now to re-argue the abstract question of the right of secession? I have already adverted to the important difference between the political responsibilities of the people of the thirteen old colonies and those which attach to the people of the United States. The former being *subjects*, could not withdraw from or forcibly oppose their government without an act of rebellion, for although they declared it their *right* to change their government, they were fully aware that the right depended upon their success in maintaining it. Not so with regard to the people of these States. *They* are not *subjects* but *citizens* —citizens, owing their *first and highest allegiance* to the respective sovereign States. While the States remain in the Union, the citizens may commit an act of rebellion against their particular States, or against the United States. But the moment that a State, in her sovereign capacity, declares a dissolution of the Federal ties, her citizens are absolved from all responsibility to the Federal Government, and the State released from all conventional obligations to her former associates. And more than this—a palpable infraction by one or more of the other States of the covenanted rights of one or more of the others, releases the latter from their obligations to the compact. And of such infractions and "the mode and measure of redress," each State has the right to judge for itself. This is a right inherent in States and can only be alienated by their voluntary act. In the Constitution of the United States, there is no relinquishment of this right—no transfer of it to any other power, tribunal or Judge. The right consequently remains to the State, perfect and unimpaired, and it were puerile to dispute about the *name* of the *thing* when the time has come for proving its efficacy.

Entertaining these views, I most earnestly recommend a call of a Convention of the people of the State, at an early day, to take such action as in their judgment may be necessary to protect and preserve the rights, honor and safety of the peo-

ple of Florida. I would further recommend a revision of the Militia laws, with a view to a more effective organization of the Military, and an appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars as a military fund for the ensuing year, to be expended ar fast as the public necessities may require.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

On motion of Mr. Hawes 1000 copies of the message were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Coffee moved that so much of the Governor's message as relates to Federal Relations be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations;

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Mays moved that so much of the Governor's message as relates to appropriations, revenue, &c., be referred to the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts;

Which was agreed to.

On motion the rule was waived and Mr. Holland of Franklin, without previous notice, allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the calling of a Convention of the People of the State of Florida;

Which was read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

On motion the rule was waived and Mr. Williams allowed to introduce a resolution instructing the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts to report upon the expediency of levying a tax upon slaves for the purpose of raising a fund for the arming of the State;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Holland of Franklin, without previous notice, was allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the suspension of specie payments by the Banks in this State and the Agencies of Banks that are engaged in the banking business in this State;

Which was read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion, the rule being waived, Mr. Holland of Franklin, also introduced a bill to be entitled an act to stay Judicial Sales in this State;

Which was read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rule being waived, Mr. Vogt offered a resolution that the General Assembly of the State of Florida proceed, on the 29th

inst., to the election of Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General and Comptroller;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Love gave notice that he would at some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Attachment Laws now in force in this State; also

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws in force in this State governing Public Schools.

Mr. Howell gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to form a new County from the Counties of Hillsborough and Brevard.

The rule being waived, Mr. Mays offered a resolution suggesting to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund that they adopt a system for the reduction of the price of the State Lands;

Which was read the first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Holland, of Franklin, moved that the Standing Committee of the House on Federal Relations be appointed to act with the Standing Committee on Federal Relations of the Senate as a Joint Committee on the subject of Federal Relations;

Which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Mays moved that 80 copies of the bill for the calling of a State Convention be printed for the use of the House;

Which prevailed.

The House took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to quiet titles and to prevent unjust and vexatious litigation in the county of Escambia,

Was read the first time, and, after being read the second time by its title, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The resolution to go into the election of State officers on the 29th inst.,

Was read and adopted.

Ordered to be engrossed and certified to the Senate.

The rules being waived, Mr. Holland of Franklin presented a petition from the citizens of Apalachicola, praying the amending of the act of January 10th, 1855, entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola;

MEMORIAL OF THE CITY OF APALACHICOLA.

To the General Assembly of the State of Florida:

SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES:—We, the undersigned citizens of Apalachicola, respectfully petition, that you will amend the Act of January 10th, 1855, entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola, by authorizing the City of Apalachicola to issue bonds for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars; and that you appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars per year for the space of ten years out of the States' Tax of Franklin county to pay said Bonds. The City of Apalachicola to pay the interest on said Bonds.

With this amount of money we can cut through the "Bulk Head," which obstructs the inner Harbor and thereby afford a passage through the whole of St. Georges' Sound to vessels carrying twelve feet water. We can also clear out the Channel so as to bring eleven and twelve feet water up to the Wharfs of the City, while at present we have but six and one-half feet water in the Channel at high tide. This appropriation would be fully capable of having this great work accomplished. We can purchase the necessary machines; our own citizens can do all the work; and with the powers given us under the Act of 1855, we will have ample means to keep the Channel open.

This work would increase the value of a great portion of the City. It would open a large lumber business, it would greatly increase the business done in Naval Stores, and it would materially lower the charges on Cotton shipped from here and on Goods received at this Port. The revenue of the State would be greatly increased by the increased amount of taxes which this City would pay.

The commercial importance of this City justifies us in demanding this as a right. We are the great Depot of the State. We do more business than each and every other portion of the State put together.

This year we have done over Fourteen Millions worth of business.

Our Foreign Export Trade from the 1st of September, A. D. 1859, to the 1st of August, A. D. 1860, was three millions two hundred and nine thousand five hundred and seventy dollars, being an increase over last year on Foreign Exports of one million five thousand eight hundred and ninety-five dollars; and we have every hope of an increase next year of our Foreign Trade.

The Foreign Imports received at this Port from the 1st of January, 1859, to 1st of August, A. D. 1860, were as follows:

Foreign Imports from 1st January, 1859, to 1st August, 1860.	Value.
Salt,	$19,101 36
Sundries,	4,685 47
Molasses,	9,529 49
Total value of invoices,	$33,316 32

FOREIGN COTTON EXPORTS.

Shipped from 1st September, 1859, to 1st August, 1860.	No. Bales of Cotton.	Value of Cotton.
To Liverpool,	52,577	$2,832,524 19
To Liverpool,	391	28,230 57
To Gibralter,	2,068	116,200 00
To Havre, France,	1,420	81,396 50
To St. Petersburgh, Russia,	2,634	151,219 07
Total foreign cotton trade,	59,090	$3,209,570 33

Foreign shipments destroyed and partially destroyed by fire at the anchorage during the year, 2,171 bales of cotton for Antwerp, and 2,531 bales for Liverpool—value about $258,610.

We have received, from 1st September, 1859, to 1st August, 1860, 133,079 bales of cotton, worth about $7,319,345. Of this 71,166 bales were shipped to domestic ports, 59,090 foreign, residue on hand for shipment. Now add to this the gross value of tobacco, hides, cedar, lumber, &c., &c., shipped from this port, and the gross value of all merchandize received from all ports, and which is consumed and forwarded at Apalachicola and comes into our harbor, and it will be found to exceed fourteen millions of dollars. In this trade, there have been cleared, at the Custom House at this port, from 1st September, 1859, to 1st of August, A. D. 1860, 148 vessels. Of this number 31 ships carried freights to foreign ports and 117 to domestic ports.

This is by far a greater amount of business than all the ports of this State added together can show, except this city.

To do so great an amount of business you will readily perceive that there must necessarily be a great amount of capital and commercial ability at this City; and that her citizens must command the confidence of the commercial world. We point to our criminal docket and challenge the State to produce records that

exhibit a less amount of crime. Such is the character of the City, and such the amount of Foreign and home business that she transacts; this is your own Gulf City of Apalachicola. She has paid into the State Treasury many thousands of dollars; and she now asks you to allow her twenty-five hundred dollars per year for ten years out of the State Tax that she pays, to improve her Harbor and Bay.

We respectfully say we have right to expect that you will give us the aid asked. Are you sincere when you say that you desire direct trade with Europe? If yea, why not encourage and assist your own city that has done this year in exports over three millions and a quarter? If the people of Florida will only ship their Cotton direct to Europe, our city and our merchants have the capital and ability to do a business of thrice the amount, and to receive in return for you from Europe all goods of every description that you now buy at the North and pay enormous costs, charges and profits on. Why not save all those Northern expenses and build up Southern cities instead of Northern? We have shipped over three millions and a quarter to Europe, a large portion of it will be worked up and shipped to the North and the people of Florida will go there and buy it. Why not ship it back to Apalachicola and buy it there instead of at New York? This can be done and we have the capital at Apalachicola to do it, if the citizens of the State will ship through their own city to Europe and send their orders for goods to Europe. If we can send to Europe over three millions, could we not have received three millions of goods in return? If European houses find it to their interest to order from our Port, would not our people find it to be their interest to buy in return from the European houses? They send to us to save the costs and charges of the North, why do our people not send to them to save the cost, charges and profits of the North?

Our city has been most grossly and shamefully neglected. We receive a mail but three times a week for eight months in the year, and twice a week for four months, while towns and cities, of not one hundredth part the importance in the State receive daily mails. Now while we are glad to see them so well provided for, yet we have cause to complain that a place of so great commercial importance as this should be treated so shamefully.

Our isolated position has prevented us from reaping any of the advantages of the system of Internal Improvements of this State. We are cut off from the advantages that the interior and the cities of Fernandina, St. Marks, Jacksonville, Cedar Keys and Pensacola and the Gulf, have derived from it. Millions of dollars have been appropriated out of the Internal Improvement Fund by the State for the purpose of building these roads; they cross our river about one hundred miles from this city; they will not

allow us, even with our own means, to bring it to an accessible point to us. Now, we most respectfully insist that the Internal Improvement Fund was donated for the use of the whole State. We had a like interest and a common property in that fund with the rest of the people of Florida, and we should have had our interests provided for by the State out of that fund; but as the whole of that fund is now appropriated to build the different lines of railroad, and as we have not got, and cannot get any benefit whatever from that fund of millions of which we are part owners, we now respectfully ask that you will allow, out of the sum that this county pays each year for State taxes, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for ten years.

Appropriations for other places have been made. We rejoice to see the great works of Internal Improvement that are being accomplished in our State under State aid, and we say that we have a claim above all others, for not one dollar has ever been appropriated for us.

We therefore pray that you will pass the amended Bill annexed, and we will ever pray, &c.

SAMUEL BENEZET,
Mayor City Apalachicola.

W. D. MACLAY,
C. THIGPIN,
J. M. G. HUNTER,
ANSON HANCOCK,
GEO. BUCKMAN,
} Councilmen.

Pres. Apalach. and New Orleans Steam Nav. Co.
RICHARD G. PARKER,
Pres. Apalachicola Cham. of Com.

Signed by one hundred and thirty-six others.

OFFICE OF COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS,
District of Apalachicola.

I, GEO. L. BROCKENBROUGH, Deputy Collector of Customs, do hereby certify that the report and statement of the Foreign Imports and Foreign Exports in the above memorial, are true and correct, as appears from the Records in this office; and from the best information, I believe the value of the business therein stated to have been done at this Port, from 1st September, 1859, to 1st August, A. D. 1860, to be *correct.*

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 8th day of August, A. D., 1860.

GEO. L. BROCKENBROUGH,
Deputy Collector of Customs.

Which was read and 80 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Mizell gave notice, that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Sheriff of Orange county, as ex-officio Tax Assessor and Collector, to assess and collect taxes in Brevard county, and for other purposes.

Mr. Mays gave notice that on to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of the Circuit Court of the Middle Circuit of Florida to call and hold an extra term of the Circuit Court for Hamilton County in said Circuit.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Call, Dawkins and Ingram, presented a communication from the Hon. D. L. Yulee.

Mr. Stewart, member elect from Hamilton County, presented his credentials and took the usuai oath.

The Speaker announced the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Judiciary.

Messrs. MAYS,
BLOUNT,
HOLLAND of H'n'do,
LOVE,
HOLLAND of Fr'klin,

On Indian Affairs.

Messrs. BISSELL,
HOWELL,
PARKER,
RICHARDSON,
YATES.

On Finance & Public Accounts.

Messrs. BELLAMY,
YON,
VOGT,
VANZANT,
LEE.

On Agriculture.

Messrs. HULL,
MICKLER,
MURPHY,
PRICE,
RUSSELL.

On Federal Relations.

Messrs. HOLLAND of Fr'klin,
MAYS,
BOWNE,
BLOUNT,
WILLIAMS.

On Schools and Colleges.

Messrs. HAWES,
SCOTT,
WILKINSON,
WELLS,
HOWELL.

On Corporations.

Messrs. HOLLAND of H'n'do,
BLOUNT,
CANOVA,
BROXSON,
COFFEE.

On Engrossed Bills.

Messrs. VOGT,
STEWART,
SCOTT,
COLE,
WELLS.

On Claims.

Messrs. HAWES,
OLIVER,
NEWBERN,
BISSELL,
MIZELL.

On Enrolled Bills.

Messrs. HOLLOMAN,
HADDOCK,
YATES,
CANOVA,
MEANS.

On Internal Improvements.

Messrs. CANOVA,
BLOUNT,
McCORMICK,
HULL,
DANSBY.

On Elections.

Messrs. BIRD,
PARKER,
VANZANT,
WILKINSON,
LOVE.

On Propositions & Grievances.

Messrs. POOSER,
CAMPBELL,
CARTER,
COLLINS,
CLYATT.

On Militia.

Messrs. WILLIAMS,
MAYS,
HOLLAND of H'n'do,
McKINNON,
ROBINSON.

On motion of Mr. Bellamy, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, November 28th, 1860.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Committee appointed to select a Chaplain reported that they had selected the Rev. J. K. Glover, of Tallahassee, as Chaplain for the House during the present session.

The Rev. Mr. Glover was introduced and officiated as Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

Mr. Holland, of Franklin, moved that a Committee of three be appointed to inform the Senate that the House is prepared to go into the canvassing of the returns for Governor to-day at 12 o'clock;

Which motion was carried.

Messrs. Holland, of Franklin, Blount and Coffee, were appointed said Committee.

Mr. Mays introduced a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of the Middle Circuit of Florida to hold an Extra Term of the Circuit Court in Hamilton county;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Vogt moved that the Sergeans-at-Arms be required to furnish each member of the House and Chairman of each Standing Committee, with a copy of the Journal and Acts of the last General Assembly, and Thompson's Digest;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Oliver moved that so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the Militia, be referred to the Committee on the Militia;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland of Franklin, from the Committee on Federal Relations, made the following report:

The Joint Committee on the subject of Federal Relations, to whom was referred so much of the Message of the Governor as relates to Federal Relations, and to whom was also referred the Senate and House bills to provide for the calling of a Convention of the People of the State of Florida, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they cordially endorse and approve of the views and recommendations of his Excellency incorporated in his Message. Your Committee therefore present the annexed bill, to be entitled An Act to provide for calling a Convention of the People of the State of Elorida, as the result of their joint action, with the recommendation that the same do pass.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.
D. P. HOLLAND,
Chairman House Committee.

Which was read.

Mr. Blount from a Special Committee to whom was referred the duty of preparing suitable Rules for the government of the House, made the following report:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the duty of preparing rules for the government of the House, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report, that they recommend the adoption of the rules of the House of Representatives at its last session as the standing rules of this House.

ALEX. C. BLOUNT,
BURTON W. BELLAMY,
C. C. COFFEE.

STANDING RULES OF THE HOUSE.

Rule 1. The Speaker shall take the Chair every day, precisely at the hour to which the House shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall immediately call the members

to order, and, on the appearance of a quorum, shall cause the Journal of the preceding day to be read.

2. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the House by any two members; on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the House.

3. He shall rise to put the question, but may state it sitting.

4. No member shall speak to any other, or otherwise interrupt the business of the House, or read any newspaper, or other paper while the Journals or other public papers are being read, nor pass between the Speaker and any other member who may be addressing the House.

5. Every member, when he speaks, shall address the Chair, standing in his place, and when he has finished shall sit down; nor shall any member speak more than twice on any one subject without leave of the House.

6. When two or more members shall rise at the same time, the Speaker shall name the person entitled to proceed.

7. When a member shall be called to order, he shall sit down until the Speaker shall have determined whether he is in order or not; and every question of order shall be decided by the Speaker, without debate, subject to an appeal to the House.

8. If a member shall be called to order for words spoken, the exceptionable words shall be immediately taken down in writing by the person objecting, that the Speaker may be better able to judge of the matter.

9. No member shall absent himself from the service of the House without leave of the House; and in case a less number than a quorum shall convene, they are hereby authorized to send the Sergeant-at-Arms for (any or) all absent members, as the majority of such members present shall agree, at the expense of such absent members respectively, unless such excuse for non-attendance shall be made as the House (when a quorum is convened) shall judge sufficient.

10. No motion shall be debated until the same shall be reduced to writing, delivered in at the table, read and seconded.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay it on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain day, to commit or to

amend; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged; and the motion for adjournment shall always be in order, and the motions to adjourn or lay on the table shall be decided without debate.

12. If the question in debate contains several points, any member may have the same divided.

13. In filling up blanks, the largest sum and longest time shall be first put.

14. When the reading of a paper is called for, and the same is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by vote of the House, without debate.

15. When the yeas and nays shall be called for by two of the members present, every member within the bar of the House at the time the question was put by the Speaker, shall (unless for special reasons he be excused by the House,) declare openly and without debate his assent or dissent to the question. In taking the yeas and nays, and, upon the call of the House, the names of the members shall be taken alphabetically, and the Speaker shall in all cases vote first.

16. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question who was without the bar of the House at the time the question was put, unless by consent of the House, and no motion to permit such member to vote shall be in order, unless it shall be made before the House shall proceed to other business.

17. On a motion made and seconded to shut the door of the House in the discussion of any business, in which discussion the public safety may, in the opinion of the House, imperiously require secresy, the House shall direct the Speaker to cause the lobby to be cleared, and, during the discussion of such business, the door shall remain shut, and no person shall be admitted except by special order of the House.

18. The following order shall be observed in taking up the business of the House, viz: 1st, motions; 2d, petitions, memorials and others papers addressed either to the House or to the Speaker thereof; 3d, resolutions; 4th, reports of Standing Committees; 5th, reports of Select Committees; 6th, messages from the Senate lying on the table; and, lastly, orders of the day.

19. When a question has once been made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof; but no motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be in order after a bill, resolution, message, report, amendment or motion upon which the vote was taken, shall have gone out

of possession of the House announcing their decision; nor shall any motion for reconsideration be in order unless made on the same day on which the vote was taken, or within the two next days of the actual session of the House thereafter.

20. All questions shall be put by the Speaker of the House, and the members shall signify their assent or dissent, by answering *viva voce*, yea or nay, and in the event of a tie, the question shall be decided in the negative.

21. The Speaker of the House, or the Speaker *pro tem.*, shall have the right to name a member to perform the duties of the Chair, but such substitution shall not extend beyond an adjournment.

22. Before any petition, memorial or other paper addressed either to the House or the Speaker thereof shall be received and read at the table, whether the same be introduced by the Speaker or a member, a brief statement of the contents of the petition, memorial, or other paper, shall be made by the introducer.

23. One day's notice at least shall be given of an intended motion for leave to bring in a bill, and no bill shall be written or printed except by express order of the House.

24. Every bill and all resolutions of a public nature, or for the appropriation of the public money, shall receive three readings previously to the final passage of such bill or resolution, and the Speaker shall give notice at each, whether it be the first, second or third readings, which readings shall be on three different days, unless four-fifths of the members shall otherwise direct.

25. At the second reading of any bill or resolution, it shall be in order for any member to move its commitment to a Committee of the whole House; that it lay on the table; for its indefinite postponement; for its postponement to a day certain, not beyond the session; for its commitment to a Standing Committee; to a Select Committee; or to amend; which motions shall have precedence in the order above stated.

26. It shall not be in order to amend the title of any bill or resolution until it shall have passed its third reading.

27. The titles of bills, and such parts thereof only as shall be affected by the proposed amendments, shall be inserted on the journals.

28. The following Standing Committees, to consist of not less than five members each, shall be appointed by the Speaker at the commencement of each session, with leave to re-

port, by bill or otherwise, viz: A Committee on the Judiciary; a Committee on the Militia; a Committee on Finance and Public Accounts; a Committee on Claims; a Committee on Schools and Colleges; a Committee on Internal Improvements; a Committee on Enrolled Bills and Engrossed Bills; a Committee on Elections; a Committee on Propositions and Grievances; a Committee on Federal Relations; a Committee on Corporations; a Committee on Indian Affairs; a Committee on Agriculture; a Committee on Commerce and Navigation; a Committee on Taxation and Revenue, and a Committee on the State of the Commonwealth.

29. All confidential communications made by the Governor to the House, and all business in the consideration of which the injunction of secresy shall have been imposed, shall be by the members thereof kept secret, until the House by its resolution shall take off the injunction of secresy.

30. Each member of Select Committees shall, with their Chairman, sign every report made to the House, if they concur therein.

31. Messages may be received at any stage of the business, except while a question is being put, or while the yeas and nays are being called.

32. The Governor and Secretary and members of the Senate shall be admitted to a seat within the bar of the House, and any other person shall be admitted in like manner, upon being invited by a member.

33. The Clerk, the Sergeant-at-Arms and Door-Keeper shall be severally sworn by a judicial officer of the State, well and faithfully to discharge their respective duties, and to keep secret the proceedings of the House, when sitting with closed doors.

34. All acts, addresses and joint resolutions shall be signed by the Speaker; and all writs, warrants and subpoenas issued by order of the House, shall be under his hand and seal, and attested by the Clerk.

35. In case of any disturbance or disorderly conduct in the lobby, the Speaker or Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House, shall have the power to order the same to be cleared.

36. Reporters wishing to take down the debates and proceedings, may be admitted by the Speaker, who shall assign such places to them on the floor, or elsewhere, as shall not interfere with the convenience of the House.

37. No member shall vote on the question in the event of which he may have a private or personal interest.

38. After a motion is stated by the Speaker or read by the Clerk, it shall be deemed in possession of the House, but may be withdrawn at any time before a decision or amendment.

39. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" and shall be decided by a majority of the members present, without debate; and until it is decided shall preclude all amendments, and further debate of the main question.

40. When a question is postponed indefinitely, the same shall not be acted upon again during the session.

41. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

42. The unfinished business in which the House was engaged at the adjournment, shall have the preference in the orders of the day, and no motion on any other business shall be received without special leave of the House, until the former is disposed of.

43. Upon the call of the House, the names of the members shall be called over by the Clerk and the absentees noted; after which, the names of the absentees shall again be called over, the doors shall then be shut, and those for whom no excuse or insufficient excuses are made, may, by order of those present, be taken into custody as they appear, or may be sent for and taken into custody wherever to be found by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

44. When a member shall be discharged from custody and admitted to his seat, the House shall determine whether such discharge shall be with or without paying fees.

45. It shall be the duty of the Committee of Elections to examine and report upon the certificates of election, or other credentials, of the members returned to serve in this House, and to take into their consideration all such petitions and other matters touching elections and returns as shall or may be presented or come into question, and be referred to them by the House.

46. No committee shall sit during the sitting of the House, without special leave.

47. All bills ordered to be engrossed, shall be executed, in a fair, round hand, and without erasures or interlineations.

48. Before a bill or resolution requiring three readings shall be read the third time, it shall be carefully engrossed under the direction of the Clerk, and upon the third reading of the bill or resolution, it shall not be committed or amended without the consent of three-fourths of the House.

49. No amendment by way of *rider* shall be received to any bill on its third reading.

50. When a bill or resolution shall have passed its third reading it shall be certified by the clerk, endorsing thereon the day of its passage, and be transmitted to the Senate accompanied with a message stating the title of the bill or resolution, and asking the concurrence of that body, and its transmission shall be entered upon the Journal.

51. Bills committed to a committee of the whole House shall be first read throughout by the clerk, and then again read and debated by clauses, leaving the preamble to be last considered; the body of the said bill shall not be interlined and defaced, but all amendments, noting the page and line, shall be duly entered by the clerk on a separate paper, as the same shall be agreed to by the committee, and so reported to the House. After report, the bill shall again be subject to be debated and amended by clauses.

52. It shall be in order for the Committee on Enrolled and Engrossed Bills to report at any time.

53. Messages shall be transmitted to the Governor and Senate by the Door-keeper, unless otherwise directed by the House.

54. No bill shall be introduced into the House on the last week of the session, nor shall the rules, or any of them, be rescinded or suspended, unless two-thirds of the members present so direct.

55. That upon the adjournment of the General Assembly, the Clerk of the House shall be required to file in the office of the Secretary of State, all papers on file with him relating to unfinished business, all original papers and Journals of the House, and that he be required to obtain a certificate from the Secretary of State that such has been done and file the same with the Treasurer before receiving his compensation.

56. In all cases not provided for by these Rules, parliamentary practice as laid down in Jefferson's Manual is hereby adopted.

The report of the committee was concurred in, and on motion

of Mr. Blount 80 copies of the Rules were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Holland of Hernando, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred the House bill entitled a bill to be entitled an Act to authorize the suspension of specie payments by the Banks in this State and the Agencies of Banks that are in the banking business in this State, having had the same under consideration, do recommend that the bill do pass with the following amendments, to-wit:

After the word "specie" in the last line of the first section, the words, "until the first day of January, 1862," be added. And that after the word "specie" in the fifth line of the second section, the words "by the several Banks in this State and the Agencies of all Banks that are engaged in the Banking business in this State," be inserted, and that the word "repealed" in the sixth line of the same section be stricken out and the word "suspended" be inserted in its stead, and the words "until the first day of January, 1862," be added thereto.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message from his Excellency the Governor was received and read.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 27, 1860.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I submit herewith the reports of the Treasurer and Comptroller, exhibiting the financial condition of the State, together with the reports of the Attorney General, Register and Salesman, and the Treasurer of the Internal Improvement Fund, to which your attention is respectfully invited.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

On motion of Mr. Coffee, 500 copies of the Message and Accompanying Documents were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day, viz:

By Mr. Murphy:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Ozias Budington.

By Mr. Canova:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville Light Infantry and to secure certain exemptions.

By Mr. Clyatt:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph P. Phelps, of Levy county; also,

A bill to be entitled an act regulating pilotage at Cedar Keys.

By Mr. Holland, of Franklin:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of McQueen McIntosh.

Mr. Hull gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to give the election of Constables in the Magistrates' Districts of this State to the legal voters of their respective Districts.

Mr. Lee gave notice, that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws in force in this State;

Also, a bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Fussell, a minor, in Sumter county, to assume the management of his own estate and contract and be contracted with, &c.

Mr. Haddock gave notice, that he would, at some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act enlarging the time for making demand on Railroad Companies for stock killed or injured.

Mr. Newburn gave notice that he would, on some future day, introduce a bill to be entitled an act to divide the county of New River and create the county of Baker.

Mr. VanZant gave notice, that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Poor School Laws of this State so far as has reference to the county of Columbia.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the calling of a Convention of the people of the State of Florida, came up on its second reading, and on motion of Mr. Holland, of Franklin, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for its consideration—Mr. Hawes in the chair. After some time spent therein, the committee rose and by their chairman reported the bill back to the House as amended;

Which report was concurred in.

A committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Chain, Brokaw and Call, waited on the House and informed them that in pursuance of the House resolution the Senate would meet the House in the Representative Chamber at 12 o'clock, M., to canvass the Election Returns for Governor.

The following gentlemen, Messrs. Murphy, Mickler, Mays, Bird, Holland of Franklin and Canova, presented preambles and resolutions touching the crisis of the times, the policy of calling a State Convention and the position that the State of Florida should assume, that were adopted at public meetings in their respective countios;

Which were read.

The Committee appointed to inform the Senate that the House was ready to canvass the vote for Governor of this State, reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

On motion of Mr. Bird, a committee consisting of Messrs. Bird, Bellamy and Canova, were appointed to assist in counting the votes.

The Senate having entered the Hall and occupied the seats assigned them, the Speaker proceeded to open and publish, in the presence of both Houses of the General Assembly, the returns of the election for Governor.

After a careful canvass of all the returns, the Speaker announced the result to be as follows:

The whole number of votes given for Governor of Florida were 12,252, of which number JOHN MILTON received the number of 6,994, and EDWARD HOPKINS received the number of 5,248; whereupon JOHN MILTON having received the highest number of votes, was declared duly elected Governor of the State of Florida for four years from the first Monday of October next.

The Senate returned to their Chamber.

On motion of Mr. Haddock, the House took a recess until 3 o'clock, this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

The House resumed, in Committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to be entitled an act to provide for the calling of a Convention of the people of the State of Florida—Mr. Hawes in the Chair.

After some time spent in the consideration thereof, the Committee rose and reported the bill back to the House as amended, and asked to be discharged;

Which report was concurred in by the House, the amendments adopted, and the bill as amended read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of the Middle Circuit of Florida to hold an Extra Term of the Circuit Court in Hamilton County;

Was read the second time, and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Resolution relative to the price of Public Lands in this State,

Was read the third time, and on the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dans-

by, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Mizell, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—42.

Nay—Mr. Bowne—1.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the suspension of specie payments by the Banks of this State and the agencies of Banks that are engaged in the banking business in this State,

Was read the second time, the amendments recommended by the Committee on Corporations concurred in and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rule being waived, Mr. Mays, from the Committee on the Judiciary, was allowed to make the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an Act to Quiet Titles and to prevent unjust and vexatious Litigation in the County of Escambia, have had the same under consideration, and believing it to be the duty of the State to give quiet and peace to the titles of its citizens, acquired in good faith, and that the best interests of society are secured and promoted thereby, ask leave to report the accompanying bill to the House as a substitute for the bill referred, and recommend that it do pass. All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman Judiciary Committee.

Which report was read and the bill and substitute placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to quiet titles and prevent unjust and vexatious litigations in the county of Escambia,

Came up on its second reading, and the substitute reported by the Committee on the Judiciary adopted in lieu thereof and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hawes, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, November 29th, 1860.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Glover officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Coffee the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Call, Brokaw and Bowers waited on the House and informed them that

the Senate had unanimously passed the bill to be entitled an act to provide for the calling of a Convention of the People of the State of Florida, as reported by the Joint Committee, without amendment.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day, viz:

By Mr. Williams:

A bill to be entitled an act for the purpose of imposing an extra tax upon all Goods manufactured North of Mason's and Dixon's line and brought into this State for sale.

By Mr. Canova:

A bill to be entitled an act for the better protection of the fisheries on the St. Johns river in this State.

By Mr. Russell:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Town of Monticello in Jefferson county; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Episcopal Church in said town.

By Mr. Mickler:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. D. Rogero, Sheriff of St. Johns county.

By Mr. Holland of Hernando:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and for other purposes.

By Mr. Parker:

A bill to be entitled an act to declare Peas Creek navigable.

By Mr. Love:

A bill to be entitled an act to change and define the boundary line between Gadsden and Liberty counties.

By Mr. Yates:

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of actual settlers of Brevard county and for other purposes.

By Mr. Means:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Hon. B. A. Putnam; also,

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Executor of the Estate of Robert H. Child, deceased.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that a Select Committee be appointed and instructed to report a bill to this House to punish in a summary manner persons uttering abolition sentiments in this State;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Mays, Yates, Bowne and Blount were appointed said Committee.

On motion, the rules were waived, and the following bills were introduced which were placed among the orders of the day:

By Mr. Cole:

A bill to be entitled an Act for the relief of A. J. Peeler, Clerk of the Supreme Court;

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the peddling of Books in this State.

By Mr. Newburn:

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Matthew L. McKinney to assume the management of his own estate; also

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Jefferson Felmer Ault to that of Jefferson Felmer Johns.

By Mr. McKinnon:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Walton County relative to the Poor School Fund; also

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal a Bridge Tax in Walton County.

By Mr. VanZant:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Records of Columbia County, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Williams:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Ephraim Saunders, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate.

Pursuant to previous notice the following bills were introduced and placed among the orders of the day:

By Mr. VanZant:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the School Laws of the County of Columbia.

By Mr. Lee:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Election Laws of this State; and

A bill to be entitled an act to empower James Fussell, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and for other purposes therein specified.

By Mr. Mizell:

A bill to be entitled an act to assess and collect Taxes in Brevard county by the Sheriff of the county of Orange as ex-officio Tax-Assessor and Collector.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills and resolution as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the suspension of specie payments by the Banks of this State and the Agencies of Banks that are engaged in the banking business in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to quiet titles and to prevent unjust and vexatious litigation in the county of Escambia;

A resolution relative to the price of the Public Lands in this State.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day, viz:

By Mr. Blount:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate and define the duties and liabilities of Railroad Companies in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the acts creating liens in favor of mechanics and others;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the pleading and practice in the Courts of this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act fixing the compensation of Auctioneers;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for filling vacancies in the office of Justices of the Peace; and

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company.

Mr. Blount presented the petition of sundry citizens of Escambia county praying to be declared exempt from the operation of the acts of 23d December, 1856;

Which was read and referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Blount, Oliver and Vogt.

Mr. Means presented a memorial for the relief of Hon. B. A. Putnam;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Canova presented a memorial for the relief of John M. Irwin;

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Claims.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Roders, Starke and Call, from the Senate, waited upon the House to inform them that the Senate had concurred in the resolution to go into the election of State Officers at 12 o'clock to-day.

Mr. Bellamy offered a resolution relative to the sale of the Stocks of other States held by the Comptroller for the payment of debts of the State, and the purchase of Arms and Munitions of War;

Which was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second and third time by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mays, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Mizell, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson,

Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—40.

Nays—None.

So the Resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Call, Davidson and Abercrombie, from the Senate, waited upon the House to inform them that the Senate had adopted the Joint Rules reported by the Joint Committee appointed to draft rules for the government of both Houses.

Mr. Hawes moved the adoption of the Joint Rules as reported by the Joint Committee;

Which was agreed to.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for a Convention of the People by the State of Florida,

Was read the first time, the rule waived and read a second time by its title.

Mr. Love moved to strike out the "3d day of January" and insert in lieu thereof the "17th day of January;"

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Holland and Love, and were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissell, Bowne, Broxson, Campbell, Haddock, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, McKinnon, Mizell, Murphy, Oliver, Scott and Wilkinson—14.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Canova, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Yates and Yon—31.

So the amendment was lost.

The bill was then read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Mizell, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—45.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Mickler moved that a committee be appointed to inform

the Senate that the House is ready to go into the election of State officers;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Mickler, Vogt and Yon appointed said committee.

The committee having performed their duty were discharged.

The Senate entered the House and the President by request of the Speaker took the chair.

The President declared the object of the joint meeting to be to elect a Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General and Comptroller.

The joint meeting proceeded to the election of Secretary of State.

Mr. Russell nominated Mr. F. L. Villepigue.

The vote was:

For VILLEPIGUE—Senate 20. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Mizell, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—40. Total—60.

Blank—Mr. VanZant—1.

The President declared F. L. Villepigue duly elected Secretary of State.

The joint meeting proceeded to the election of Treasurer.

Mr. McCall nominated C. H. Austin.

The vote was:

For AUSTIN—Senate 20. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Mizell, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—46. Tolal—66.

The President declared Charles H. Austin duly elected Treasurer of the State of Florida.

The joint meeting proceeded to the election of Attorney General.

Mr. Holland of Hernando nominated Mr. J. B. Galbraith of Tallahassee.

Mr. Pooser nominated Mr. T. T. Long, of Nassau County.

The vote was:

For GALBRAITH—Senate—10. House—Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Cole, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, McKinnon,

Murphy, Oliver, Parker, Richardson, Scott, Williams, Yates and Yon—21. Total—31.

For Long—Senate—9. House—Messrs. Bird, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Mizell, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt and Wells—21. Total—30.

Blank—Senate—1. House—Messrs. Broxson, Holloman, Hull, Love and Wilkinson—5. Total—6.

The President declared that there was no election, neither of the candidates having received the requisite number of votes.

The joint meeting proceeded to a second ballot.

The vote was:

For Galbraith—Senate—9. House—Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, McKinnon, Murphy, Oliver, Parker, Richardson, Scott, Williams, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—22. Total—31.

For Long—Senate—9. House—Messrs. Bird, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Mizell, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt and Wells—22. Total—31.

Blank—Senate—2. House—Messrs. Coffee, Holloman and Love—3. Total—5.

The President declared that there was no election.

On motion of Mr. Call of the Senate, the Joint Meeting proceeded to the election of Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Mr. Holland of Hernando nominated Mr. R. C. Williams of Leon county.

Mr. VanZant nominated Mr. Lewis Pyles, of Alachua county.

Mr. Love nominated Mr. John Beard, of Leon county.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 10. House—Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Williams and Yates—22. Total—32.

For Pyles—Senate 8. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Coffee, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, McCormick, Means, Micker, Mizell, Murphy, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells and Yon—18. Total—26.

For Beard—Senate 1. House—Messrs. Bellamy, Collins, Holloman, Love, Mays and Wilkinson—6. Total 7.

The President declared that there was no election.

Mr. Call of the Senate moved the adjournment of the Joint meeting until 12 o'clock to-morrow;

Which motion was lost.

The Joint meeting proceeded to a second ballot for Comptroller.

The vote was:

For WILLIAMS—Senate 10. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McKinnon, Parker, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Williams and Yates—22. Total—32.

For PYLES—Senate 9. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Haddock, Hull, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Mizell, Murphy, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells and Yon—18. Total—27.

For BEARD—Senate 1. House—Messrs. Bellamy, Hawes, Holloman, Love, Mays and Wilkinson—6. Total 7.

Blank—Mr. Richardson—1.

The President declared that there was no election.

On motion of Mr. Call of the Senate, the joint meeting adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Hawes, the House took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the suspension of specie payments by the banks of this State and the Agencies of Banks that are engaged in the banking business in this State, came up on its third reading.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the rule be waived and the bill placed back upon its second reading;

Which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Holland of Franklin offered the following amendment:

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act, no sale shall be made in this State by virtue of any writ of fieri facias on Decree in Equity, until the first Monday in January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two; *provided, however*, the Defendant shall give Bond for the forthcoming of said property on the first Monday of January, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, as now by law provided for the replevin of property.

Which was read and the yeas and nays being called for on the adoption of the same by Messrs. Holland of Franklin and Blount, were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, McCormick, Pooser, Price, Russell and Wells—9.

Nays—Mr. Speaker—Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Camp-

bell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hall, Lee, Love, Mays, McKinnon, Mickler, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Scott, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—28.

So the amendment was lost.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the bill with the amendment be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House to form a Joint Committee by uniting with the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate in its consideration;

Which motion was agreed to.

The rule being waived Mr. Mays moved that a committee be appointed to inform the Senate that such was the action of the House, and also that said Judiciary Committee of the House and Senate as a joint committee would also consider and report at the same time upon a bill now before the Committee on the Judiciary of the House entitled an act to stay Judicial Sales in this State;

Which motion was agreed to, and Messrs. Mays, Holland of Franklin, and Holland of Hernando appointed said Committee.

The rule being waived, Mr. Mays from the Judiciary Committee made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of the Circuit Court for the Middle Circuit of Florida to hold an extra term of the Circuit Court for the County of Hamilton, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and return the same to the House without amendment, and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. J. Peeler, Clerk of the Supreme Court;

Was read the first time, and on motion the rule was waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The following bills were read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow:

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Jefferson Filmer Ault to change his name to Jefferson Filmer Johns.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws of this State.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the School laws of the County of Columbia.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower James Fussell of Sumter county to assume the management of his own estate.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Ephraim Saunders to assume the management of his own estate.

Engrossed bill to be entitled an act to quiet titles and to prevent unjust and vexatious liligation in the County of Escambia.

Was read the third time and on the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Mizell, Murphy, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Scott, Wells, Williams, Yates and Yon—34.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Love the House adjourned till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, November 30th, 1860.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Glover officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Oliver the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day, viz:

By Mr. Stewart:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize W. J. J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zipperer, to establish a Toll Bridge across the Suwannee river at Zipperer Ferry.

By Mr. Hawes:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James B. Brown, former Tax Collector of Putnam county.

Mr. Coffee introduced a resolution to pay Benjamin F. Whitner, Jr., for surveying and marking the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida;

Which was read and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holloman presented a series of resolutions adopted at a public meeting of the citizens of Gadsden county;

Which were read.

Mr. Vogt from the Committee on Engrossed bills made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of the Mid-

dle Circuit of Florida to hold an extra Term of the Circuit Court in Hamilton county; and,

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. J. Peeler, Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Williams, from the Committee on the Militia to whom was referred that part of the Governor's Message relating to Military Affairs, made the following Report:

The Committee on the Militia to whom was referred that portion of the Governor's Message relating to Military Affairs, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT:

That they find great want of system in the Militia laws of the State. These laws consists of various enactments passed at different times, containing provisions and amendments not altogether consistent with each other, and not constituting such a complete code of law on the subject as the exigencies of the State require. Your Committee do not deem it expedient at this time to attempt a consolidation and completion of these laws, and think sufficient at least for the present time such amendments as are contained in the Bill accompanying this Report, recommending however a more complete code to be prepared as soon as practicable.

Your Committee find the chief difficulty in the way of an effective Militia System in the State to be a supposed defect in the Constitution relative to the powers of Court Martial, and recommend an amendment to the same, which will obviate the difficulty.

Your Committee further recommend that a suitable salary be attached to the Office of Adjutant General.

JOS. JOHN WILLIAMS, Chairman.

Which report was received and read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
November 30th, 1860.

HON. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act making certain appropriations for the support of the Government; also,

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER, Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Militia Laws now in force in this State;

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and on motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole for its consideration—Mr. Vogt in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the Committee rose and by their Chairman reported the Bill back to the House as amended and recommended its passage and asked to be discharged;

Which report was concurred in, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Chain, Brokaw and Rogers, waited on the House to inform them that the Senate had passed a Joint Resolution relative to adjournment;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. McCall, McQueen and Dawkins waited upon the House to inform them that the Senate had passed a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Mays the rule was waived and he allowed to make the following report:

Mr. Mays from the Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the suspension of specie payment by the banks that are engaged in the banking business in this State; and a bill to be entitled an act to stay judicial sales in this State, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to

REPORT:

That they recommend that the amendment offered in the House to the first bill be not adopted, and that two additional sections, numbers 3 and 4, herewith submitted, be attached as amendment and that the bill thus amended do pass.

They also report a bill which they recommend as a substitute for the bill to be entitled an act to stay judicial proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS.
Chair'n Judiciary Committee.

Which was received and read, and the bills and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the rule be waived and the Joint Resolution of the Senate relative to adjournment be taken up;

Which motion was agreed to.

Which was read and Mr. Russell moved to strike out the number "seven" in the fifth line and insert the number "fourteen" in lieu thereof;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Holland and Blount, were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Campbell, Carter, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Love, McKinnon, Mizell, Murphy, Newburn, Price, Russell, Scott, Yates and Yon—17.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Robinson, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams and Wilkinson—28.

So the motion was lost.

Upon the question of the passage of the resolution the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Mizell, Murphy, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—35.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Bowne, Campbell, Holloman, McKinnon, Newburn, Russell and Scott—9.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hawes the rule was waived and he allowed to introduce the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden former Sheriff of Putnam county;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Hull, the House took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

Mr. Dansby moved that the rules be waived and the House

act upon the Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others;

Which motion was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of the Middle Circuit of the State of Florida to hold an extra Term of the Circuit Court in Hamilton county;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Wilkinson and Yates—28.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Abercrombie, Chain and Starke, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had passed a Joint Resolution relative to the Convention;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 30th, 1860.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I respectfully recommend the following nomination for the advice and consent of the General Assembly.

NASSAU COUNTY.

Auctioneer—E. J. Acosta.

Very Respectfully, M. S. PERRY.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Haddock the nomination therein contained advised and consented to.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
November 30, 1860.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following joint resolution, viz: Joint Resolution in relation to the Convention; also Resolution in relation to electing a United States Senator.

Very Retpectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying resolutions placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Election Laws now in force in this State,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrosssed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
November 30th, 1860.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has passed the following bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Pilot Laws of the port of Fernandina.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the School Laws of Columbia County,

Was read the Second time and on motion of Mr. Haddock referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Abercombie, Brokaw and Simkins, waited upon the House to inform that body that the Senate had passed a bill to authorize the County Commissioners of Escambia county to borrow money to build a Court House and Jail;

Which bill was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Mays moved to take up the bill entitled an act to authorize the suspension of specie payments by the Banks in this State and the agencies of Banks that are engaged in banking business in this State;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Mays and Blount, and were as follows:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Canova, Coffee, Collins, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holloman, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Scott and Vogt—14.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, McKinnon, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—24.

Which motion was lost.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Planters and Merchants' Bank of Pensacola,

Was, on motion of Mr. Blount, taken up, read the first and

second times by its title and referred to Committee on Corporations.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
November 30th, 1860.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has passed the following Bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to allow James R. Green of Gadsden county to contract and be contracted with.

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
November 30th, 1860.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has passed the following bill, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to quiet titles and to prevent unjust and vexatious litigation in the county of Escambia.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying bill ordered to be enrolled.

The following bills were read the second time and ordered to be engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act authorizing a Bridge Tax in Walton county;

A bill to be entitled an act to empower James Fussell, a minor, to take charge of his own estate;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Ephraim Saunders, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Jefferson Felmer Ault to Jefferson Felmer Johns,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Murphy, the bill was amended by inserting a section in said bill changing the name of Benjamin Keyton Durance to Benjamin Keyton Kennedy.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, former Sheriff and Tax-Collector of Putnam county,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bill as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Militia Laws now in force in this State.

Respectfully submitted,
D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Coffee moved that a Committee of three be appointed to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate to prepare an appropriation bill;

Which motion was adopted, and Messrs. Coffee, Vogt and Hawes were appointed said Committee.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Walton county relative to the School Fund,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved that the members, officers and printers of the House be allowed the same compensation as that paid for similar services by the last General Assembly;

Which was agreed to.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Chain, Simkins and Baldwin, waited upon the House to inform them that the Senate had passed a bill to authorize the building of a bridge over Bayou Texas;

Which bill was placed among the orders of the day.

Resolution to pay Benjamin F. Whitner, Jr., for surveying and marking the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to morrow.

A committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Baldwin, Jones and Dawkins waited on the House and announced that the Senate had passed a resolution for the relief of L. I. Fleming;

Which was received and the accompanying resolution placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the peddling of Books in this State;

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver,

Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Vogt, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—35.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

The rule being waived, Mr. Russell gave notice that he would on to-morrow introduce a resolution to form a Select Joint Committee to take into consideration the Militia Laws of this State, and offer a bill early in the adjourned term of the General Assembly in lieu of the same.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. J. Peeler,

Was read the third time and upon the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland, of Franklin, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell. Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—37.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Militia Laws of this State,

Was read the third time and on the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Lee, Mays, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Murphy, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Robinson, Scott, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—36.

Nay—Mr. Love—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Coffee and Blount, was appointed to return a Senate bill to the Senate for amendment.

The committee returned and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them and asked to be discharged.

A committee consisting of Messrs. McQueen, Call and Rodgers, wited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had passed an act to provide against the failure of a representation from the Counties of Dade and Monroe, in the Convention, and requested the concurrence of the House thereto;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Wilkinson moved that the House adjourn until to-morrow 9 o'clock:

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Mays and Russell, and were as follows:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Canova, Clyatt, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Mays, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Mizell, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—23.

Nays—Messrs. Blount, Carter, Coffee, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Love, Pooser and Scott—9.

So the House adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, December 1st, 1860.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Glover officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Hull the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The following message was received from the Senate:

Senate Chamber,
December 1st, 1860.

Hon. John B. Galbraith,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir: The Senate has passed the following House bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. J. Peeler, Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying bill ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the rule was waived, and the Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide against the failure of a representation from the counties of Dade and Monroe in the Convention was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the rule was waived, and the bill read the second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Murphy, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—36.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Senate and inform them that the House had concurred in the passage of the bill;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Coffee and Blount appointed said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Hernando, the rule was waived, and he allowed to make the following report:

Mr. Holland of Hernando, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred the Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Planters and Merchants' Bank of Pensacola, have had the same under consideration and upon examination find that its provisions are in strict accordance with the requirement of the Constitution of this State; they further find that proper and due notice has been given according to law for an application to this Legislature for a charter for the said Bank, they therefore ask leave to report the said bill back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. W. HOLLAND,
Chair'n Com. on Corporations.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Hernando, the rule was waived, and the bill to be entitled an act to establish a Bank in Pensacola was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Hernando, the rule was waived, and the bill read the second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Hull, Lee, Mays, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Mizell, Murphy, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Wells, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—34.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Collins, the same Committee, viz: Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Coffee and Blount was requested to inform the Senate that the House had concurred in the passage of the bill.

Mr. Hawes introduced a series of resolutions from Putnam county, of a public character upon the present crisis of affairs;

Which were received and read.

On motion of Mr. Pooser, the following Committee was appointed, viz: Messrs. Mays, Williams and Bellamy to confer with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate to report a bill to the adjourned session at its convening as to the best means to be devised for raising the revenue of the State.

The rule being waived, Mr. Love gave notice that he will at some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State in reference to actions of ejectment.

A Committee consisting of Messrs. Starke, Dawkins and Duncan waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had amended the bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others, and requested the concurrence of the House thereto;

Which bill was received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hollaman, from the Committee on Enrolled bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled bills beg leave to report that they have examined the following bills and find them correctly enrolled, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to quiet titles and to prevent unjust and vexatious litigation in the county of Escambia; also,

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. J. Peeler, Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Very respectfully submitted,

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Call, Walker and Watlington waited upon the House to inform them that the Senate had passed a bill to be entitled an act providing for a State uniform and flag, and requested the concurrence of the House thereto;

Which bill was received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Howel A. Baisden, former Sheriff and Tax Collector of Putnam county;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws now in force in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Jefferson Filmer Ault to change his name to Jefferson Filmer Johns;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Ephraim Saunders, a minor, to assume the management of his estate;

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to empower James Fussell, a minor of Sumter county, to assume the management of his own estate, and contract and be contracted with.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Ingram, Rogers and Walker, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had passed a bill to be entitled an act to charter the Southern export and import company;

Which bill was received and placed among the orders of the day.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Dawkins, Rodgers and Call waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had passed a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Banking Laws of this State, and requested the concurrence of the House thereto;

Which bill was received and placed among the orders of the day.

A committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Magbee, Starke and Duncan, waited upon the House and requested the return to the Senate of a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Banking Laws of this State.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Canova, Clyatt and Yon a committee to return said bill.

The committee reported that they had performed their duty and asked to be discharged.

Mr. Bird, from the Committee on Elections, made the following report:

The Committee on Elections to whom was referred the matter of the contested seat of the Representative from Clay County, would respectfully submit the following

REPORT:

It appears from the evidence adduced before your Committee, that the Board of Canvassers for said County, in canvassing the vote, rejected Long Branch precinct on the grounds as is alledged by them of "informality and indication of fraud," in conducting the election at said precinct. That by the rejection of said pre-

cinct, the result of the election was changed in favor of the present occupant of the seat by three votes. There is no evidence before your committee to show that there was any actual fraud, (though great informality,) in conducting the election at said Long Branch precinct; and therefore the committee are of opinion that said precinct should not have been rejected by said Board of Canvassers. From the evidence, however, there are very grave doubts on the minds of your committee as to the legality of three or more votes cast for the contestant at that and other precincts in said county, leaving it doubtful as to who, or whether either of the parties claiming, are entitled to the seat from said county of Clay.

Your committee would therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution and accompanying bill:

Resolved, That from the date of this report the seat from Clay County be hereby declared vacant and a new election ordered to fill said vacancy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. B. BIRD, Chairman.

Which report was received and read, and on motion of Mr. Russell, made the special order on the ninth day of January next.

Mr. Holland of Franklin offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the general laws, but none of a local nature passed at this session shall be printed in one newspaper at Pensacola, Marianna, Apalachicola, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Cedar Keys, Tampa, Ocala, Key West, and Fernandina, and that the Clerk of the House do as speedily as possible have this resolution carried into effect.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Vogt presented the following proceedings of a mass meetings held at Ocala, 26th November, 1860:

At a Mass meeting of the citizens of Marion County, held at Ocala, this 26th day of November, 1860, on motion, Gen. J. M. Commander was called to the Chair, and S. D. McConnell and W. McCaslan, Esqrs., appointed Secretarys; whereupon the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, for many years a political party having existence only in the Northern States of this Union, notoriously hostile to the Southern States, their institutions and dearest interests, has been growing most surely and rapidly, gaining strength in numbers, in hostility and in arrogance, until finally, after a long course of determined unconstitutional aggression, the election which has recently taken place throughout the Union for Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, has resulted in the triumph of this party by a large majority, and in the virtual choice of the sectional candidate of this party for

President and Vice President, who have avowed their intention to wage against these Southern interests and institutions, a war, "irrepressible, irreconcilable and everlasting," until their fatal purpose shall be effected in the abolition of negro slavery in America. *And whereas*, This Confederacy has ceased to answer the purposes for which it was instituted, namely, the promotion of the happiness and prosperity of the several States composing it. *And whereas*, We recognize the right of each State to resume at pleasure all the rights and sovereignty which were delegated to the General Government for the purposes specified in the Constitution of the United States. Therefore,

Be it resolved, That we, the citizens of Marion County, ignoring all party names and past issues, do earnestly recommend the General Assembly of the State of Florida, now in session, immediately to enact a law providing for the meeting at an early day of a Convention of Delegates from the several Counties of the State, to take into consideration the expediency of dissolving our connection with the Federal Union, giving to the said Convention plenary powers to effect such dissolution, and to do such other things, and to aid the General Assembly in providing such guarantees for our future peace and security as may be demanded by the exigences of our situation.

Be it further resolved, That we do also recommend to the said General Assembly,

1st. The enactment of such laws as may be necessary to alleviate any unusual embarrassments of the commercial interests of this State consequent upon the present political emergency.

2d. That an amount of money be immediately raised sufficient to arm the Militia of the State, that a committee be appointed to select and purchase such arms, and that they be deposited at some convenient point in each Brigade in charge of Brigade armorers.

3d. That the Senators and Representative of the State of Florida in Congress be requested by resolution to resign therefrom immediately.

4th. That no election be had for U. S. Senator to fill the vacancy which will take place on the 4th of March next, by the expiration of Mr. Yulee's term.

5th. That the State of Florida make common cause with each and every Southern State, that may secede from the Union, and that any attempt by the United States Government to coerce any seceding Southern State, be regarded as a declaration of war against this State, and that the Governor of the State of Florida be requested forthwith to communicate this resolution to the Governors of the several Southern States.

Be it further resolved, That Gen. J. M. Commander be spe-

cially delegated to furnish the Senator and Representatives of Marion County in the General Assembly with a copy of these resolutions, and that they be requested to lay the same before their respective Houses. J. M. COMMANDER, Ch'n.

S. D. McCONNELL, } Secretaries.
W. McCASLAN, }

Which were read.

The following message was received from his Excellency, the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, }
TALLAHASSEE, December 1, 1860. }

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I have approved an act entitled an act for the relief of A. J. Peeler, Clerk of the Supreme Court; also

An act to quiet Titles and to prevent unjust and vexatious Litigation in the County of Escambia.

Respectfully, M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

The rule being waived, Mr. Dansby moved that the Senate bill for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson be read;

Which was agreed to.

The bill was read the first time, the rules waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance.

A committee consisting of Messrs. Means, Mickler and Canova were appointed to inform the Senate that the House had agreed to change the time of adjournment from 12 o'clock., M, to 1 o'clock, P. M.

The committee reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

A committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Simkins and Magbee waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had concurred in the resolution of the House changing the time of adjournment of the General Assembly from 12 o'clock, M. to 1 o'clock, P. M.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
December 1st, 1860. }

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has passed the following resolutions, viz:

Joint Resolution in relation to the Comptroller's office; also

House resolution relative to the sale of the Stocks of other States held by the Comptroller for the payment of the debts of the State, and the purchase of arms and munitions.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER, Secretary of Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying resolutions ordered to enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Means the rule was waived and the bill to be entitled an act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Hernando the bill was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Blount the rule was waived and the bill to be entitled an act to authorize the building of a bridge over Bayou Texar was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Blount the rule was waived and the bill read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—35.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the rule was waived, and the bill to be entitled an act providing for a State Uniform and Flag was read the first time.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the rule be waived and the bill read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage;

Which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Hawes the rule was waived and the Appropriation bill read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Hawes the rule was waived and the bill read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Richardson, Scott, Stewart, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—36.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Blount moved that a committee be appointed to wait on the Senate and inform them that the House has passed House bill to be entitled an act to authorize the building of a bridge over Bayou Texar; also

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the support of the Government;

Which was agreed to.

Whereupon the Speaker appointed Messrs. Blount, Love and Holland of Franklin, who reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Escambia county to borrow money to build a Court House and Jail,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

The rule being waived Mr. Coffee, from a Select Commitee, reported a bill to make appropriation for the payment of the expenses of the present General Assembly,

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read second and third times, and on the question of its passage the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Murphy, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Scott, Williams, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—37.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Scott and Williams was appointed to inform the Senate of the passage of the bill and requesting their concurrence thereto.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved that the rule be waived and House bill authorizing the suspension of specie payments by the Banks be taken up;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Hull and Yon, and were:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Bowne, Canova, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Mays, Mickler, Murphy, Oliver, Scott, Vogt and Williams—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Broxson, Campbell, Dansby, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, VanZant, Wells, Wilkinson, Yates and Yon—23.

So the motion was lost.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Dec. 1st, 1860.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: I have approved and signed the following resolution, viz:

Resolution placing the bonds of the several States belonging to the School and Seminary Fund and other monies at the disposal of the Governor.

Very respectfully, M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the rule be waived and the combined bills allowing the suspension by the Banks and bill to stay the Judicial Sales jointly be taken up;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Dansby and Pooser, were:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Love, Mays, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Murphy, Newburn, Pooser, Richardson, Robinson, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Wells and Wilkinson—28.

Nays—Messrs. Bissell, Bowne, Broxson, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mickler, Oliver, Parker, Price, Williams, Yates and Yon—13.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Russell moved that the rule be waived and the bill to stay Judicial Sales be taken up;

Which motion was lost.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that a committee be appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate to wait upon his Excellency the Governor and notify him that the General Assembly is about to adjourn and enquire if he has any further communications to make;

Which was agreed to, and the Speaker appointed Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Blount and Holloman said committee.

The committee returned and informed the House that they had performed their duty and his Excellency the Governor stated that he had no further communication to make, but heartily coincided in the action of the General Assembly and assured them that he would with pleasure most heartily co-operate with them in maintaining and protecting the honor and integrity of the State.

A committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Starke and Bowers waited upon the House and announced that the Senate had passed House bill making appropriation for the payment of the expenses of the present General Assembly.

A committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Dawkins, Duncan and Jones waited upon the House and announced that the Senate was ready to adjourn.

Messrs. Blount, Coffee and Hull were appointed a committee to inform the Senate that the House was ready to adjourn.

The committee returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the House adjourned till 12 o'clock, M. on the seventh day of January, A. D. 1861.

DOCUMENTS

ACCOMPANYING THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 1st, 1860.

To his Excellency, MADISON S. PERRY,
Governor of Florida:

Sir: In obedience to the requirements of law, I herewith submit my Report upon the Finances of the State for the year ending on the 31st of October, 1860.

The receipts at the Treasury for the year ending on the 31st October, 1860, amount to			$115,894 89
To wit:—From License Tax,		$6,554 51	
" Fines,		2,685 38	
" Auction Tax,		2,285 96	
" Revenue, 1856,		39 51	
" " 1857,		1,773 99	
" " 1858,		6,858 49	
" " 1859,		93,263 99	
" " 1860,		2,352 06	
On Account of Rent,		60 00	
" Contingent Fund,		16 00	
" Sale of Books,		5 00	—$115,894 89
The Warrants issued amount to			$117,808 85
To wit:—*Judicial Department*—			
On account of Salaries,	$23,575 00		
" Contingent Expenses of Supreme Court,	1,694 02		
" Fees paid acting Solicitors,	235 00		
" Additional compensation to Judges,	79 50		
" Attendance of Attorney General on Supreme Court,	61 00	—$25,644 52	
Executive Department—			
On account of Salaries,	$5,100 00		
" Governor's Residence,	500 00	—5,600 00	
Military Department—			
On account of Salaries,		168 83	
Ninth General Assembly Adjourned Session—			
On account of Pay of Members and Clerks,	$12,627 00		
" Contingent Expenses proper,	465 58		
" Printing General Laws,	324 40		
" " Miscellaneous,	3,965 50		
" Copying House Journal,	270 00		
" " Senate Journal,	50 00	—17,702 48	

Jurors and Witnesses,.....	31,250 82		
Criminal Prosecutions,.....	23,274 02		
Contingent Expenses of State,.....	4,136 25		
Certificates for Interest due on Scrip issued for Military Service of 1849.....	4,315 42		
Maintenance of Lunatics,.....	2,993 00		
Protection of Public Property,.....	906 35		
Payment for the value of Negro hung, &c.,	525 50		
Post Mortem Examinations,.....	594 00		
Indian Hostilities of 1849,.....	395 86		
Pay of U. S. Marshal for Repairing Room in the Capitol,.....	178 00		
Expense Surveying County Lines,.....	75 25		
Repairing of Capitol,.....	48 55	—$68,693 02	—$117,808 85

SCHOOL AND SEMINARY FUNDS.

The following are the receipts during the fiscal year, 1860:

On account of the School Fund,.....	$15,044 23		
" " Seminary Fund,.....	4,776 03		
" " Interest on School Fund,.....	6,802 41		
" " " Seminary Fund,.....	1,104 58	—$27,727 25	

The following are the Warrants drawn during the fiscal year, 1860:

Upon School Fund for the purpose of Investment,..	$15,037 50		
" Sem'y " " " " "	5,012 50		
" School Fund Expense of Investment,.....	112 66		
" Sem'y " " "	18 34		
" " " East Florida State Seminary,....	2,349 58		
" " " West " " "	2,344 58		
" School Fund Contingent Expenses,.....	7 00		
" Sem'y " " "	3 00		
" School Fund Register's Salary,.....	700 00		
" Sem'y " " "	700 00		
" Interest School Fund—Expense of Printing,..	40 00		
" " " " For pay of Teachers,..	3,390 45		
" " " " Under the amended Act to establish Common Schools,.....	9,100 62	—$38,816 23	

Very respectfully,

T. W. BREVARD, Comptroller.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, TREASURY OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 19, 1860.

To His Excellency, M. S. PERRY,

Governor of Florida:

Sir: I respectfully present, and through you to the General Assembly, reports from this office, of the receipts and disbursements at the Treasury, for the period of November 1st, 1859, to October 31st, 1860, also reports of the School and Seminary Funds for the same period.

The increase in disbursements for Jurors and Witnesses, Criminal Prosecutions and contingent expenses of Circuit Courts, is largely disproportional to previous periods. For the years following, (ending 31st October,) the payments were:

	For Jurors and Witnesses.	*For Criminal Prosecutions and Contingent Expenses Circuit Courts.*
1854....	$10,033 10	$13,520 81
1855....	11,901 35	12,216 22
1856....	15,220 22	11,560 88
1857....	16,096 51	11,974 41
1858....	16,558 01	8,377 32
1859....	18,931 27	14,952 21
1860....	30,296 84	21,818 87

The increase during which periods varying generally from ten to twenty, while that of the present is from thirty-three to sixty per cent. A large part of criminal prosecution warrants was held by the Tax Collectors, and the unexhausted balances of former appropriations resorted to in order to complete settlements with those officers. Many of them will doubtless again make application for settlement before the enactment of the general appropriation bill, and it will facilitate those cases if an early appropriation can be obtained of ten thousand dollars for Jurors and Witnesses, and the same amount for criminal prosecutions.

Very Respectfully,

C. H. AUSTIN, Treasurer.

The Treasurer in account with the State of Florida:

1860. DR.

Nov. 1.—To balance per report of Nov. 1, 1859,		$20,423 77
" amount received on account of revenue, 1856,		39 51
" " " " " " "	1857,	1,773 99
" " " " " " "	1858,	6,858 49
" " " " " " "	1859,	93,263 94
" " " " " " "	1860,	2,352 06
" " " " " " Licenses,		6,554 51
" " " " " " Fines,		2,685 38
" " " " " " Auction Tax,		2,285 96
" " " " " " Contingent Fund,		16 00
" " " " " " Rent,		60 00
" " " " " " Sale of Books,		5 00
" Balance,		4 43
		$136,323 04

1859. CR.

Nov. 1.—By amount of warrants paid and other disbursements, viz:		
For sinking fund of State Bond account,		$ 5,000 00
" Executive Department,		6,100 00
" Judicial Department,		25,186 02
" Military Department,		168 38
" Indian Hostilities of 1849,		755 60
" Jurors and State Witness,		30,296 84
" Criminal Prosecutions and contg. exps. Circuit Courts,		21,818 87
" Contingent Fund,		5,000 00
" Supreme Court contingent expens's,		1,898 84
" Adjourned Session of Ninth General Assembly, viz:		
Pay of Members, Officers, &c	$12,957 00	
" to Floridian & Journal, printing,	2,251 70	
" " Florida Sentinel, printing,	2,038 20	
" " McDougall & Co., Stationary, &c.	455 58—	17,702 48

For Maintenance of Lunatics,		3,036 00
" Interest on State Bonds,		10,079 60
" " " " Scrip,		5,434 68
" J. W. Baker, Judge, extra judicial services,		400 00
" T. F. King, " " " "		400 00
" Post Mortem examinations,		634 70
" Protection of public property and repairs of Capitol,		954 90
" Special act of relief,		1,163 50
" Taxes refunded Jesse M. Willis,		39 38
" Rent, &c., refunded E. E. Blackburn U. S. Marshal, (with recourse upon the General Government),		178 00
" Survey of County lines of Washington, Jackson and Calhoun counties, to determine venue,		75 25
		$136,323 04

The Treasurer in account with the School Fund:

1859. DR.

Nov. 1.	To balance per report of this date,		$17,484 07
11.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, Register,		894 60
Dec. 6.	" " " " " " " "		978 88
1860.			
Jan. 9.	" " " " " " " "		978 34
Feb. 11.	" " " " H. A. Corley, "		3,264 69
Mch. 9.	" " " " " " " "		874 75
April 4.	" " " " " " " "		987 58
25.	" " " " T. W. Brevard, Comptroller,		835 00
May 8.	" " " " H. A. Corley, Register,		2,588 40
Aug. 4.	" " " " " " " "		2,265 35
Oct. 4.	" " " " " " " "		1,376 74
" "	Interest received,		9,292 41
			$41,820 70

1860. CR.

Jan. 9.	By Cash paid quarter salary of D. S. Walker, Register,		$ 175 00
Mch. 31.	" " " T. W. Brevard, Comptroller for investment,		15,037 05
April 7.	" " " quarter salary of H. A. Corley, Register,		175 00
July 10.	" " " " " " " " " "		175 00
" "	" " " Warrant for Dyke & Carlisle,		4 00
" "	" " " " " H. A. Corley, Register, interest for disbursement,		9,100 92
" "	" " " " " T. W. Brevard, Comptroller,		64 50
" "	" " " " " H. Archer,		48 16
Oct. 6.	" " " " " C. Findeisen,		3 00
" "	" " " quarter salary of H. A. Corley, Register,		175 00
" "	" " " Warrants of Comp., int. to School Teachers,		3,740 58
"	balance on hand,		13,122 04
			$41,820 70

1860.

Nov. 1.	To balance cash on hand,		$13,122 04
	Other assets, viz:		
	State stock,	$41,500 00	
	Bond of city of Tallahassee,	3,300 00	
	" " Gadsden county,	2,071 37	
	Land notes,	194 22	47,065 59
			$60,187 63

NOTE.—Putnam county Bond $3,000 delivered to T. W. Brevard, Comptroller

The Treasurer in account with the Seminary Fund:

1859.		DR.		
Nov.	1.	—To balance per report of this date,		$ 3,155 63
	11.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, Register,		13 55
Dec.	6.	" " " " " " " "		699 10
1860.				
Jan.	9.	" " " " " " " "		1,582 34
Feb.	11.	" " " " H. A. Corley, "		744 19
Mch.	9.	" " " " " " " "		439 61
April	4.	" " " " " " " "		296 71
Aug.	4.	" " " " " " " "		160 10
Oct.	4.	" " " " " " " "		840 43
		" " interest received,		4,084 58
				$12,016 24

1859.		CR.		
Oct.	31.	—By amount paid East Florida Seminary,		$ 854 58
		" " " West " "		854 58
1860.				
Jan.	9.	" " " quarter salary, D. S. Walker, Register,		175 00
	20.	" " " East Florida Seminary		745 00
		" " " West " "		745 00
Mch	31.	" " " T. W. Brevard Compt. for investment,		5,012 50
April	11.	" " " quarter salary, H. A. Corley, Register,		175 00
July	10.	" " " " " " " "		175 00
Aug.	8.	" " " Warrant for T. W. Brevard, Comptroller,		10 50
		" " " " " H. Archer,		7 84
Oct.	6.	" " " " " C. A. Findeisen,		3 00
		" " " quarter salary, H. A. Corley, Register,		175 00
		" " " West Florida Seminary,		745 00
		" " " trans. to credit W. F. Sem., (advised)		552 29
		" " " " " " E. " " (advised) 745 00		
		" " " " " " " " " 552 29—		1,297 29
		" balance,		488 66
				$12,016 24

1860.				
Nov.	1.	—To balance cash on hand,		$488 66
		Other Assets, viz:		
		State Stocks,	$48,500 00	
		Duval county bond,	1,000 00	
		Land notes,	666 57—	50,166 57
				$50,655 23

NOTE.—South Carolina Bond $1,492 44 delivered T. W. Brevard, Comptroller.

A Summary of the Receipts and Disbursements at the Treasury, from the 1st day of November, 1859, to the 31st day of October, 1860.

RECEIPTS.

On Account of State of Florida,	$136,323 04
" " " School Fund,	41,820 70
" " " Seminary Fund,	12,016 24
	$190,159 98

PAYMENTS.

On Account State of Florida,	$136,323 04
" " School Fund,	28,698 66
" " Seminary Fund,	11,537 58

BALANCES.

School Fund,.....	13,122 04
Seminary Fund,.....	488 66
	$190,159 98

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STATE REGISTER'S REPORT.

STATE REGISTER'S OFFICE,
November 1st, 1860.

To his Excellency MADISON S. PERRY, *Governor of Florida:*

SIR: As Register of Public Lands and Superintendent of Common Schools and Seminaries for the State, I have the honor to submit to your Excellency the following as the Biennial Report of this office:

SEMINARY FUND.

From October 31st, 1858, to November 1st, 1860, there have been sold, of the lands belonging to this Fund, 3,097 79-100 acres, at an average price of a little over $3.94\frac{1}{2}$ per acre, producing, in cash, $3,683.65, and, in bonds, $9,626.69. Add this number of acres to the 32,651 59-100 stated as having been sold at the date of the last report of my predecessor, and it appears that the whole number of acres belonging to this fund sold since the establishment of this office is 35,748 79-100, producing in cash and bonds the sum of $84,935.58.

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements on account of this Fund during the period embraced in this re-report:

Received in cash:

From cash payments made for entries of lands, - - - - -	$3,683 65	
From bonds given for credit instalments,	4,410 56	
From balance on hand per last report,	3 72	
		$8,094 21

Disbursements:

Amount paid to C. H. Austin, Treasurer,	8,040 31	
Balance on hand not paid over, -	53 90	
		$8,094 21

SCHOOL FUND.

From October 31st, 1858, to November 1st, 1860, there have been sold, of lands belonging to this Fund, 14,827 11-100 acres, at an average price of a little more than $1.38\frac{1}{4}$ per acre, yielding, in cash, $8,421.44, and, in bonds, $12,578.98. Add this number of acres to the 46,881 96-100 acres stated as having been sold in the last report from this office, and it appears that

the whole number of acres belonging to this Fund sold since November 23d, 1850, is 61,709 7-100 acres, producing, in cash and bonds, the sum of $99,681.01.

The following is a statement of the receipts and disbursements on account of this Fund during the period embraced in this report:

Received in cash:

From sales of lands, being cash payments,	$8,421 44	
From payment of instalment bonds,	21,749 46	
Balance not paid over per last report,	28 64	
		$30,199 54

Disbursements:

Paid Williams, Gwynn and Harris for appraising, - - - - -	$1,621 11	
Paid for binding and printing 1 vol. certificates, - - - - -	8 00	
Money refunded upon an erroneous entry,	15 00	
Paid C. H. Austin, Treasurer, -	27,657 79	
Balance not paid over, - -	897 64	
		$30,199 54

COMMON SCHOOLS.

The following statements show the number of children in each county between the ages of five and eighteen years, and the am't of money apportioned to each county, accruing from the interest of the School Fund, for the years 1859 and 1860:

A.

The Apportionment of Interest accruing on the School Fund from July 1st, 1858, to July 1st, 1859, among the several Counties in the State.

COUNTIES.	No. Children.	Amount.	Remarks.
Escambia,	650	$270 18	Amount apportioned for each child a little over 41-57 cents.
Santa Rosa,	1,044	434 00	
Walton,	520	216 13	
Washington,	466	193 70	
Holmes,	331	137 60	
Jackson,	1,946	808 85	
Calhoun,	250	103 92	
Franklin,	506	210 33	
Gadsden,	1,062	441 42	
Liberty,	265	110 15	
Leon,	1,210	505 00	
Wakulla,	501	208 25	
Jefferson,	839	348 73	
Madison,	973	404 44	
Taylor,	160	66 50	
Lafayette,	160	66 50	
Hamilton,	651	270 60	
Columbia,	1,745	725 32	
Nassau,	351	145 89	
Duval,	1,602	665 88	
Alachua,	900	374 09	
Marion,	929	386 15	
Sumter,	233	96 85	
St. Johns,	452	187 88	
Putnam,	507	210 73	
Orange,	220	91 44	
Volusia,	208	86 46	
Brevard,	100	41 56	
Levy,	272	113 05	
Hernando,	269	112 80	
Hillsborough,	700	290 96	
Manatee,	148	61 51	
Monroe,	590	245 23	
	20,760	$8,630 10	

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Apportionment of Interest accruing on the School Fund from July 1st, 1859, to July 1st, 1860, among the several Counties of the State of Florida.

COUNTIES.	No. Children.	Amount.	Remarks.
Escambia,	567	$255 15	Amount apportioned for each child, 45 cents.
Santa Rosa,	1,044	469 80	
Walton,	485	218 25	
Washington,	435	195 75	
Holmes,	410	184 50	
Jackson,	1,995	897 75	
Calhoun,	200	90 00	
Franklin,	421	189 45	
Gadsden,	1,058	476 10	
Liberty,	272	122 40	
Leon,	1,133	509 85	
Wakulla,	527	237 15	
Jefferson,	862	387 90	
Madison,	1,081	486 45	
Taylor,	412	185 40	
Lafayette,	160	72 00	
Hamilton,	875	393 75	
Suwannee,	328	147 60	
Columbia,	919	413 55	
New River,	500	225 00	
Nassau,	386	173 70	
Duval,	434	195 30	
Clay,	313	140 85	
St. Johns,	624	280 80	
Putnam,	510	229 50	
Alachua,	900	405 00	
Marion,	1,200	540 00	
Sumter,	233	104 85	
Orange,	220	99 00	
Volusia,	208	93 60	
Brevard,	100	45 00	
Levy,	341	153 45	
Hernando,	408	183 60	
Hillsborough,	867	390 15	
Manatee,	148	66 60	
Monroe,	602	270 90	
	21,178	$9,530 10	

But few of the County Superintendents have reported anything except the census of children as returned to them by the Tax Assessors.

In Escambia county—One Teacher was employed during the year ending July 1, 1860, teaching 27 Scholars; amount paid him, $117.65; during the previous year six teachers were employed, teaching 150 children; amount paid them $677.50; several of said teachers were employed only a part of the year.

In Santa Rosa county—No children attended school under the provisions of the Act of 1853 during the year 1859, no Common Schools being as yet organized. No appropriation by the county for Common Schools.

In Washington county—Teachers employed in 1859, nine; amount paid them, $173.55; No. of scholars taught, 152; Teachers employed in 1860, four; amount paid them, $96.75; Scholars taught, 92. Nothing appropriated by the county.

In Jackson county—Teachers employed in 1859, ten; amount paid them, $355; Scholars taught, 258: amount appropriated by the county during the year, $807.46; in 1860, No. of Teachers employed, 16; amount paid them, $595; Scholars taught, 464; amount appropriated by the county, $934.77.

In Wakulla county—No children attending school under the Act. The County Commissioners have laid a tax of 10 per cent. upon the State Tax for Common School purposes.

In Duval county—Two Teachers were employed; amount paid them, $94.50; No. of children taught, 33.

In Marion county, 1860—Teachers employed, fourteen; am't paid them, $426.75; No. of children taught, 256.

In Monroe county, 1859—Teacher employed, one; assistants, two; No. of schools, 1; No. of children attending school, 146; amount paid Teachers, $727.65; amount paid from county apportionment, $545. In 1860—Teacher employed, 1; assistants, 1; No. of schools, 1; children attending school, 195; amount paid Teachers, $824.80; total sum apportioned to said county by State and county, $825.

The apportionment of the interest of the School Fund in 1860 gives 45 cents for each child between the ages of five and eighteen years. This is the largest apportionment ever made from the School Fund. *If equally distributed*, it is evident the amount is insufficient to confer any practical benefit upon the children of our State. This suggestion is all that I suppose necessary to call the attention of yourself and the Legislature to the subject.

By the Act of the last Legislature it is made the duty of the State Superintendent to pay the amount of school money apportioned annually, to each county, to the Judge of Probate of the county. The law does not provide that the County Superintendents shall make any report of the manner in which said Fund is disposed of or invested.

SEMINARIES.

Circumstances over which I had no control have so far prevented me from visiting the Seminary at Ocala this year, nor have I received any report from the Board of Visitors.

I have several times visited the Seminary at Tallahassee, and find that there are prospects of it becoming a highly useful institution.

HUGH A. CORLEY, Register.

SALESMAN'S REPORT.

TALLAHASSEE, FLA., NOV. 1, 1860.

To his Excellency, Madison S. Perry, Governor of Florida, and President of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund:

SIR: As Salesman of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, I have the honor to submit the following Report of sales and receipts in this office for the two last years.

From 31st October, 1858, to November 1st, 1860, there have been sold of lands belonging to the original Internal Improvement Fund 7,949.37 acres, at an average price of nearly $2.17 per acre. Add this number of acres to the 153,572.91 stated to have been sold in the last Report of my predecessor, and it appears that 161,522.28 acres belonging to this Fund have been sold since the establishment of this Office. In addition to these, the Board has issued tr the St. John,s and Indian River Canal Commissioners a deed for 20,227.78 acres of Internal Improvement lands, making the whole amount heretofore disposed of 181,750.06.

During the period embraced in this Report there have been sold of swamp and overflowed lands granted by the act of Congress of September 28th, 1850, 60,073.95 acres, making the whole amount of these lands sold since they were brought into market 179,195.90 acres.

The annexed tables, marked A and B, exhibit statements of the monthly sales during the period embraced in this Report, and of the monthly receipts up to the 1st of April last. Since the last named date the moneys have been received by C. H. Austin, Esq., Treasurer of the Board.

HUGH A. CORLEY, Salesman, &c.

A.

Statement of Sales of Internal Improvement and Swamp Lands, from November 1st, 1858, to November 1st, 1860.

MONTH.	SWAMP LANDS. No. Acres Sold.	A't. Cash Payme't.	Amt. Bonds Received.	INTER'L IMP. LANDS. No. Acr's Sold.	A't. Cash Payme't.	Amt. Bonds Received.
November, 1858,...	2,928.01	$1106 43	$3,418 53	480.22	$287 85	$768 44
December, 1858,...	3,432.08	1721 33	3,551 73	80.19	52 00	139 15
January, 1859,.....	4,373.94	2572 23	4,367 91	242.82	179 00	482 65
February, 1859,....	6,537.45	2881 48	7,497 00	210.08	133 00	357 48
March, 1859,.....	2,730.62	2499 51	1,180 60	232.36	190 11	193 54
April, 1859,.....	1,364.77	1645 25	——	160.14	289 00	——
May, 1859,.....	3,211.97	3688 02	239 50	160.98	339 24	——
June, 1859,.....	1,837.35	2320 92		131.15	71 91	195 26
July, 1859,.....	3,039.42	4020 06		40.17	96 66	——
August, 1859,.....	2,140.40	2639 30		197.02	107 05	291 99
September, 1859,..	2,097.19	2342 11		119.84	79 15	213 90
October, 1859,.....	1,996.24	2256 17		78.94	44 00	117 32
November, 1859,..	2,465.45	3057 48		80.02	44 24	119 26
December, 1859,...	2,991.53	3465 68		200.07	153 18	413 19
January, 1860,.....	2,460.56	3001 65		40.00	71 90	——
February, 1860,....	2,759.59	3076 14		160.12	125 18	338 73
March, 1860,.....	1,772.78	2093 60		118.72	65 66	176 98
April, 1860,.....	2,490.50			80.00		
May, 1860,.....	1,210.63			2751.02		
June, 1860,.....	1,519.26			1321.00		
July, 1860,.....	1,566.23			240.00		
August, 1860,.....	1,331.23			704.14		
September, 1860,..	2,296.15			120.37		
October, 1860,.....	1,520.60					
	60,073.95		$20,255 27	7949.37		$3,807 89

Credit system abolished. Received by C. H. Austin, Treasurer. Credit system abolished. Received by C. H. Austin, Treasurer.

B.

Statement of the amount af Cash received on account of Sales of Swamp and Internal Improvement Lands from November 1st, 1858, to April 1st, 1860.

MONTH.	Cash Payments.	Notes Paid.	Inter. on Notes.	TOTAL.
November, 1858,..	$1,394 28	$3,013 63	$65 27	$4,473 18
December, 1858,...	1,773 33	2,997 54	30 71	4,801 58
January, 1859,.....	2,751 23	4,699 69	148 08	7,599 00
February, 1859,,...	3,014 48	5,814 74	4 80	8,834 02
March, 1859,.....	2,689 62	3,359 60	49 09	6,098 31
April, 1859,.....	1,934 25	2,201 46	6 96	4,142 67
May, 1859,.....	4,027 26	3,079 02	10 57	7,116 85
June, 1859,.....	2,392 83	2,920 92	69 38	5,383 13
July, 1859,.....	4,116 72	2,690 63	16 88	6,824 23
August, 1859,.....	2,746 35	2,301 30	44 77	5,092 42
September, 1859,..	2,421 26	1,165 30	39 21	3,625 77
October, 1859,.....	2,300 17	4,384 08	535 06	7,219 31
November, 1859,..	3,101 72	4,320 19	126 02	7,547 93
December, 1859,...	3,618 86	3,609 34	22 30	7,250 50
January, 1860,.....	3,073 55	3,601 57	37 62	6,712 74
February, 1860,...	3,201 32	6,032 41	103 50	9,337 23
March, 1860,.....	2,159 26	3,248 36	31 97	5,439 59
Total,.....	$46,716 49	$59,439 78	$1,342 19	$107,498 46

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURY OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, Nov. 20, 1860.

To His Excellency, MADISON S. PERRY,

Governor of Florida:

Sir: I respectfully present (and through you to the General Assembly,) my report of the financial affairs of the Internal Improvement Fund, for the two years beginning November 1, 1858, and ending October 31, 1860.

Since the organization of the Board of Trustees, the Fund has received (in round numbers,) four hundred and seventy-one thousand and eighty-five dollars, from the following sources:

From sale of lands—cash,.....	$321,000 00	
In Tallahassee Railroad bonds,.....	3,100 00—	$324,100 00
From the General Government on account of land reclamations,.....		42,038 55
From sales of State stocks,.....		52,000 00
From the several Railroads of the system on account of net earnings,.....		18,336 04
From Interest account—in cash,.....	$13,080 00	
In bonds,.....	2,000 00—	15,080 00
From bills payable,.....		19,000 00
From Calhoun county loan,.....		300 00

From miscellaneous sources,.....		230 40
		$471,085 00
Tallahassee Railroad Company Bonds on hand from land sales and interest account,.....		5,100 00
		$465,985 00
Which has been disbursed for the following purposes:		
Invested in Bonds of the several Railroads of the system,...		$120,145 00
Disbursed for the interest on the Bonds of the said Railroad Companies,.....		231,300 00
Disbursed for the St. Johns and Indian River Canal,.....		6,000 00
Disbursed for selecting lands:		
Paid H. Wells and A. M. Randolph,.....	$82,475 00	
Paid Walter Gwynn,.....	4,151 00—	86,626 00
Disbursed for management and sale of lands,.....		6,500 00
For legal services,.....		500 00
For rescinded land contracts,.....		600 00
For interest account,.....		1,887 00
For bills payable account,.....		8,706 04
For miscellaneous purposes,.....		3,222 61
Balance on hand,.....		498 35
		$465,985 00

The Florida Rail Road Company.

The amount of interest paid upon the bonds of this Company with that which has accrued on their bonds held by the Trustees is,.....		$195,195 00
To which add land dividend and stock interest,.....		19,265 91
		$214,460 91
For which there have been received certificates of Stock,.....	$130,100 00	
Cash on net earnings account.....	6,937 33—	137,037 33
		$77,423 58

They have acknowledged receipt of statement and say that the certificate for the balance shall be forthcoming, and have presented a draft for the amount of $4,379 30 to be applied to there net earnings account.

The Pensacola & Georgia Rail Road Company.

The amount of interest paid for this Company, with that which has likewise accrued, &c., is,.		$32,100 00
For which has been rec'd certificates of stock,...	$26,900 00	
Cash on net earnings account,.....	5,200 00—	$32,100 00

The Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Rail Road Company.

The amount of interest paid and that which has accrued, &c.,.....		$22,505 00
For which has been rec'd certificates of stock,...	$16,300 00	
Cash on net earnings account,.....	6,198 71	
Balance,.....	629 00—	$22,505 00

The Tallahassee Rail Road Company.

This Company did not apply to the Fund to provide for the interest of their bonds.

They have provided for the sinking Fund account to July 1859, by their bonds amounting to,.....			$5,100 00
And cash,.....			505 00
			$5,605 00

ASSETS.

The assets of the Fund are as follows:

Railroad Stocks, viz:			
The Florida Railroad,.....		$130,100	
Pensacola & Georgia Railroad,.....		26,900	
Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad,.....		16,300	
			$173,300 00
Railroad Bonds:			
Tallahassee Railroad,.....$53,600			
Deduct exchg. with Comp'tr for Florida R. R. do. (by order of Board,).... 50,000			
		3,600	
Of sinking Fund,..... 5,100			
Of interest account,..... 2,000			
		10,700	
Florida Railroad Company Bonds,.....		95,000	
Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Bonds,*.. 41,000			
Deduct amount returned to equalize rate of purchase, (by order of Board,)... 2,000			
		39,000	
Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad Bonds,.....		23,000	
			167,700 00
County Bonds:			
Gadsden County,.....		1,150	
CalhounCounty,..... 650			
Less collected,..... 300		350	
			1,500 00
Land Bonds:			
Per Register's List,.....		94,634 81	
Less Collected,.....		8,672 20	
		85,962 61	
Per list of last Report,...	986 13		
Less collected,.....	451 38	534 75	
			86,497 36
			$428,997 97

Very respectfully,
C. H. AUSTIN,
Treasurer Board Trustees In. Imp. Fund.

*This item was erroneously published $41,500 in last Report. See original extension of Oct. 8, 1858.

The Treasurer, in account with the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund:

1858.		DR.	
Nov.	1.	—To balance per report of this date,.....	$ 14,895 99
	3.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, sal,....	2,703 11
Dec.	6.	" " " " " " " "	4,458 18
	16.	" " " " Florida Railroad Company for 50 per cent. net proceeds of receipts from 1st March to 31st August,.....	261 19
1859.			
Jan.	3.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, sal,....	4,801 58
	26.	" " " " Tallahassee R. R. Company 6 months int. on $5,600 bonds,.....	196 00
		" amount received from same, interest on $3000 bonds of sinking fund,.....	105 00
		" amount received from same, on sinking fund account,.....	130 00
	27.	" amount received from I. B. Stone, sheriff Calhoun county on loan to said county in 1853,.	300 00
Feb.	5.	" amount received from D. S. Walker,. sal,...	7,599 00
	9.	" " " " Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company, for 50 per cent. net proceeds of receipts to December 1, 1858,.....	2,000 00
	18.	" amount on hand, notes.....	221 94
April	6.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, sal,....	11,881 33
May	2.	" " " " " " " "	4,142 67
June	3.	" " " " " " " "	7,066 85
	22.	" " " " Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company for 50 per cent. net proceeds of receipts to 31st ultimo,.....	1,200 00
Sep.	3.	" amount received from Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad Company for 50 per ct. net proceeds of receipts to July 1, 1859,.....	883 71
Oct.	6.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, sal,....	20,975 65
Nov.	1.	" " " " " " " "	7,219 31
	10.	" " " " Gov. Perry, a United States Treasury Warrant No. 1262—No. 811 as a part of the land reclamation of this fund from the General Government,.....	42,038 55
			$133,080 86

1858.		CR.	
Nov.	3.	—By cash paid Randolph & Wells, on account contract for selecting lands,.....	$1,047 79
	15.	" amount paid W. A. Forward, Chairman Board of Commissioners, on account of a survey for a canal between Indian and St. John's Rivers,.....	1,000 00
Dec.	6.	" amount paid Randolph & Wells, on account of contract.....	1,531 91
	10.	" amount paid to Charleston Mercury for advertising for proposals to cut St. John's and Indian River Canal,.....	36 00
	18.	" amount paid S. Turman's bill for advertising change in price of swamp lands,.....	2 50
1859.			
Jan.	3.	" amount paid Randolph & Wells, on account	

		of contract.....	2,104 17
	5.	By amount paid interest on $18,000 of Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company bonds for 6 months,.....	630 00
	17.	" amount paid McDougall & Hobby for stationary for salesman's office,.....	46 00
	18.	" amount paid Geo. Damon for a desk for Secretary's office,.....	15 00
		" amount paid qr. salary of officers, viz:	
		D. S. Walker, salesman,.....200 00	
		M. D. Papy, secretary,.....100 00	
		C. H. Austin, treasurer,.....125 00—	425 00
	25.	" amount paid Wm. A Forward, Chm'n Board Commissioners on account survey of Canal between St. Johns and Indian rivers,.....	1,000 00
Feb.	4.	" amount paid interest on $127,000 bonds of the Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company,.....4,445 00	
		Exchange,..... 22 23—	4,467 23
		" amount paid interest on $1000 bond of Florida Railroad Company,.... 35 00	
		Exchange,..... 18—	35 18
		" amount paid Randolph & Wells on account contract,.....	2,772 22
	9.	" amount paid Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company, making the rate of investment in their bonds equal with the other Roads,...	2,000 00
	10.	" amount paid M. Nash, P. M., postage bill for Salesman's office,.....	46 46
	19.	" amount paid John Bradford, Eng. balance for services rendered for examination upon Fla. Railroad,.....	100 00
	24.	" amount paid interest on $86,000 bonds Florida Railroad Company,.....3,010 00	
		Exchange,..... 15 05—	3,025 05
	24.	" amount paid interest on $10,000 bonds Florida Railroad Company,..... 350 00	
		Exchange,..... 1 75—	351 75
	25.	" amount paid T. W. Brevard, Comptroller, for School and Seminary Fund, in the exchange of $50,000 of Tallahassee R. R. Co. Bonds for same amount of Florida R. R. Co. Bonds, being the difference in the accumulated interest,.....	1,166 66
Mch.	17.	" amount paid Florida Peninsular advertising change in price of Swamp Lands,.....	5 00
		" amount paid Randolph and Wells on account contract,.....	2,620 73
		" amount paid Interest on $2.000 Bonds of Pen. & Geo. R. R. Company,.....	70 00
		" amount paid interest an $10,000 Fla. R. R. Co. (two instalments,).....	700 00
	22.	" amount paid Marianna Patriot, advertising change in price of swamp lands,.....	7 50
		" amount paid Jacksonville Standard for same,	6 50
		" amount paid interest on $628,000	
		Fla. R. R. Co. bonds,.....$21,980 00	
		Exchange,..... 109 90—	22,089 90

		By amount paid interest on $1,000 bond of Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co. 35 00		
		Exchange, ... 17—		35 17
		" amount paid interest on $1,000 bond of Fla. R. R. Co., ... 35 00		
		Exchange, ... 17—		35 17
	30.	" amount paid interest on $6,000 bonds of Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co., ...		210 00
April	2.	" amount paid Independent Press, publishing change in price of Swamp lands, ...		5 00
	8.	" amount paid Randolph & Wells, on account of contract, ...		2,610 49
		" amount paid quarter salaries of officers, viz.:		
		D. S. Walker, salary to 1st inst. ... $248 87		
		M. D. Papy, " " " ... 100 00		
		C. H. Austin, " " " ... 125 00—		473 87
	25.	" amount paid Jacksonville Republican, advertising change in price of swamp lands, ...		6 50
May	2.	" amount paid Randolph & Wells, on account of contract, ...		1,828 43
June	3.	" amount paid Randolph & Wells, on account of contract, ...		3,266 28
	13.	" amount paid Milton Courier, advertising change in price of swamp lands, ...		5 00
Sept.	8.	" amount paid quarter salaries of officers, viz.:		
		D. S. Walker, Salesman, ... $300 00		
		F. L. Villepigue, Secretary, ... 100 00		
		C. H. Austin, Treasurer, ... 125 00—		525 00
	15.	" amount paid interest on $12,000 bonds of Florida Railroad Company, ... 420 00		
		Exchange, ... 4 20—		424 20
		" amount paid interest on $175,000 Pen. & Geo. Railroad bonds, ... 6,125 00		
		Exchange, ... 61 25—		6,186 25
	17.	" amount paid interest on $10,000 Florida Railroad bonds, (2 instal.)		700 00
Oct.	6.	" amount paid qr. salary officers, viz:		
		D. S. Walker, Salesman, ... 300 00		
		F. L. Villepigue, Secretary, ... 100 00		
		C. H. Austin, Treasurer, ... 125 00—		525 00
		" amount paid Florida Sentinel bill printing for Salesman's office, ...		45 00
		" amount paid M. Nash, P. M. postage for same		20 35
		" amount paid Randolph & Wells on account contract, ...		3,222 95
		" amount paid interest on $743,000 of Florida Railroad Company bonds 26,005 00		
		" amount paid interest on $66,000 of Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad bonds, ... 2,310 00		
		" amount paid State Bank of Florida, Exchange on above 331 80		
		Interest " " ..... 280 00—		28,926 80
	31.	" amount paid Randolph & Wells on account contract, ...		2,143 84
		" amount paid M. Nash, P. M., postage bill for Salesman's office, ...		46 86
		" amount balance interest paid State Bank, ...		28 65
		" balance, ...		34,506 71
				$135 030 86

1859. DR.

Nov.— 1.	To balance,.....		$34,506 71
Dec. 5.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, Salesman,		7,547 95
7.	" " " " Tallahassee Railroad on sinking fund account,.....		40 00
1860.			
Jan. 6.	" amount received from D. S. Walker, Salesman,		7,250 50
Feb. 6.	" " " " H. A. Corley, Salesman.		6,663 31
20.	" " " " Florida Railroad Company, as half net earnings, for periods ending 1st March and September, 1859.....		6,676 33
24.	" amount received from Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad Company, on account one-half net earnings,.....		1,400 00
March 1.	" amount received on land notes,.....		229 44
4.	" " " " from H. A. Corley, Salesman,		5,439 59
April 14.	" " " " Pen. & Geo. Railroad Company, as one-half net earnings, period ending November 30, 1859,.....		2,000 00
20.	" amount received from Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad Company, on account one-half net earnings,.....		175 00
July 30.	" amount received from same, on account same,		870 00
Oct. 4.	" " " " " " " "		2,870 00
	" " " " bills payable,.....		19,000 00
31.	" " " " land sales,.....		24,891 00
	" " " " " notes,.....		8,672 20
			$128,232 03

1859. CR.

Dec. 5.—	By amount paid Randolph & Wells on account of selecting lands,.....		3,051 23
23.	" amount paid Pensacola Gazette, advertising change in price of swamp lands,.....		7 50
	" amount paid Milton Courier for same,.....		5 00
1860.			
Jan. 6.	" amount paid officers salary, viz:		
	D. S. Walker, Salesman,..... 300 00		
	F. L. Villepigue, Secretary,..... 100 00		
	C. H. Austin, Treasurer,..... 125 00—		525 00
16.	" amount paid Floridian & Journal advertising change in price of swamp lands,.....		7 50
23.	" amount paid Wm. Law, Esq., Att'y, for legal opinion relation to the power of a majority of the Board of Trustees,.....		500 00
31.	" amount paid interest on $87,000 of the Pensacola & Georgia Railroad Company,.....		3,045 00
Feb. 8.	" amount paid two instalments on Bond 116 Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co.....		70 00
9.	" amount paid interest on $22,000 Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co. bonds, viz.: 21st July, 1859, coupons; 22d January, 1860, do.,.....		1,505 00
24.	" amount paid interest on $40,000 Fla., At. & Gulf Cen. R. R. Co. bonds,.....		1,400 00
March 7.	" amount paid McDougall & Hobby, bill stationary for Salesman's office,.....		61 13
	" amount paid interest on $10,000 Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co. bonds,.....		350 00

	8.	By amount paid M. Nash, P. M., postage bill Salesman's office,		32 55
		" amount paid interest on $1,012,000 Florida R. R. Co. bonds,		35,420 00
		" amount paid interest on $71,000 Fa., At. & Gulf Cen. R. R. Co. bonds,		2,485 00
		" amount paid interest on $82,000 Pen. & Geo. R. R. Co. bonds,		2,870 00
		" amount paid advertising in New York and express transportation,		7 50
		" amount paid exchange balance,		42 29
	28.	" amount paid interest on $10,000 Florida R. R. Co. bonds,		350 00
April	2.	" amount paid interest on $8,000 Fla., At. & Gulf Cen. R. R. Co. bonds,		280 00
	12.	" amount paid do. on $1,000 do. do. do.		35 00
	17.	" amount paid do. on $2,000 do. do. do.		70 00
	18.	" amount paid quarter salaries officers, viz.:		
		H. A. Corley, Salesman,	$300 00	
		F. L. Villepigue, Secretary,	100 00	
		C. H. Austin, Treasurer,	125 00—	525 00
	20.	" amount paid interest on $5,000 Fla., At. & Gulf R. R. Co. bonds,		175 00
May	2.	" amount paid Fla., At. & Gulf R. R. Co., balance on net earnings account,		17 28
	20.	" amount paid bill Florida Dispatch advertising sale of lands,		24 00
		" amount paid Floridian & Journal, blanks for Salesman,		22 50
July	16.	" amount paid M. Nash, P. M., postage account Salesman's office,		23 15
	19.	" amount paid quarter salary officers, viz:		
		H. A. Corley, Salesman,	200 00	
		F. L. Villepigue, Secretary,	100 00	
		C. H. Austin, Treasurer,	200 00—	500 00
	30.	" amount paid interest on 24,000 dollars Florida Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad Company Bonds,		840 00
August	2.	" amount paid bill Florida Peninsular, advertising public sale lands,		10 00
		" amount paid bill Eastern Herald for same,		24 00
		" " " " Home Companion for same,		15 00
Oct.	4	" amount paid quarter salary officers, viz:		
		H. A. Corley, Salesman,	200 00	
		F. L. Villepigue, Secretary,	100 00	
		C. H. Austin, Treasurer,	200 00—	500 00
		" amount paid W. D. Moseley, Ch. Indian River and St. Johns Canal Company, to meet interest on bonds of said company,		4,000 00
		" amount paid interest on $1,198,000		
		Florida R. R. Company Bonds,	41,930 00	
		Exchange,	419 30	
		Advertising and Express transportation,	650 00—	42,355 80
		" amount paid interest on $340,000		
		Florida, Atlantic & Gulf Central Railroad Company Bonds,	11,900 00	
		Exchange,	90 30	
		Advertising and Express,	4 25—	11,994 55

By amount paid interest on $172,000			
Pen. & Geo. Railroad Co. bonds,	$6,020 00		
Exchange,	60 20		
Advertising and Express,	3 05—	6,083	25
" amount paid on account of bills payable,		8,706	04
" balance,		498	35
		$128,433	62

1860.
Nov. 1.—To balance, $498 35

C. H. AUSTIN,

Treasurer Board of Trustees Internal Imp't. Fund.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, November 19, 1860.

His Excellency, M. S. PERRY, Governor, &c.

Sir: The act of July 23d, 1845, directs the Attorney General to report to the Governor "as to the effect and operation of the acts of the last previous session, the decision of the Courts thereon, referring to the previous legislation on the subject, with such suggestions as in his opinion the public interest may demand."

The act to amend the militia and patrol laws of this State, approved 22d December, 1859, has not, to my knowledge, been sufficiently tested in its practical workings to enable me to suggest any amendments, except such as seem to be needful when considered in reference to the exigency for which it was intended to provide.

One of the purposes of the act was to secure the enrollment of all persons subject to military duty, with the view of ascertaining the effective military strength of the State, and of obtaining the basis upon which a proper distribution of arms might be made. By the proper discharge of their duties by the several officers elected under the act, this purpose may be easily accomplished. But another, and perhaps the more important object, was the efficient military organization and discipline of those upon whom the State has to rely in any case of emergency making it necessary to call its forces into the field. It is impossible to foretell when this emergency will arise, but in view of the present aspect of affairs the ordinary rule of action should be discarded, and the possibility of a danger be held sufficient to exact the best and most efficient measures to place the military forces of the State on the best possible footing. It might perhaps not be considered wise to abolish the militia system alto-

gether, but in connection with it the General Assembly might, by suitable enactments, encourage the organization of volunteer companies, batalions and regiments. To do this in a proper way, a fund should be raised, and although the people are ever alive to any new impositions, it is believed that in times of emergency a true patriotism will not shrink from a necessary burthen. Money performs its part in the protection of the people as well as men, and those who do not give the State their services should not object to yield her the small amount necessary to attain the end in view. Many of our citizens would willingly enrol themselves in volunteer companies if much of the expense incident to their proper organization and discipline were borne by the State. A properly organized volunteer force in each county would form the nucleus of an army around which the citizens generally could rally in case of need, and render more effective service than we could expect under the militia laws.

I beg leave to call the attention of the General Assembly to the Act of last session to amend the laws now in force in this State relative to ejectment suits. The fictitious parties are abolished and the declaration is required to contain a simple statement of the cause of action, but no provision is made in reference to the manner of bringing the party defendant into Court. As the law stands, difficulties may arise in practice as to the manner of serving the defendant with notice, and I therefore suggest that the General Assembly should so amend the law as to provide for the issuing and service of process, as in ordinary common law actions.

I would respectfully call the attention of the General Assembly to those provisions of the laws establishing the *ad valorem* system of taxation, requiring returns to be made of and imposing a tax upon book accounts, as being in many instances unequal. The merchant who has already paid a tax upon his capital, and who, according to the common practice, sells his goods on a credit, in the expectation of realizing his money on the first of January, when the accounts become due, is compelled, if the accounts remain unpaid, to submit to a second tax upon the same capital, without the opportunity of increasing his profits by its re-investment.—Add to this the difficulty of estimating the value of such accounts, many of which are never collected, and it becomes apparent that the law operates with inequality and oftentimes with injustice.—Capital can easily elude the restraints of the law. It may, in a moment, be transferred to those points where the least restrictions are thrown around it. The wisest policy is to encourage its introduction into the State, and leave it as free as possible to seek those channels of trade in which it promises the best returns.

I am, very respectfully, &c.,

M. D. PAPY.

HOUSE JOURNAL.

MONDAY, January 7th, 1861.

This being the day to which the House adjourned, the same was called to order by the Speaker, and the roll being called, the following members answered to their names:

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Bowne, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mizell, Murphy, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Robinson, Scott, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—29.

So there was a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Williams, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Williams, Bowne and Hawes, were appointed to make arrangements for the procurement of a suitable room for the sitting of this body in contemplation of the Representative Chamber being occupied by the State Convention.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Hernando, the Speaker appointed a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Holland of Hernando, Vogt and Robinson, to confer with a similar committee appointed by the State Convention, for the purpose of making permanent arrangements for suitable and separate rooms to accommodate the sitting of the Convention and General Assembly at the same time.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the House adjourned until Wednesday morning, at 12 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 9th, 1861.

The House met pnrsuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The journal of Monday was read and approved.

Mr. Blount moved, if concurred in by the Senate, that the House adjourn until Monday next;

Upon which, the yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Love and Coffee, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Holloman, Mizell, Scott, Stewart and Wilkinson—8.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bowne, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, McKinnon,

Means, Mickler, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams and Yates—29.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Haddock moved that the House adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock;

Upon which, the yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Love and Coffee, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Bowne, Broxson, Carter, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Mays, Means, Mickler, Mizell, Murphy, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—29.

Nays—Messrs. Blount, Coffee, Collins, Hull, Love, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Robinson, Vogt and Williams—11.

So the motion was carried, and the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 10, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Pooser moved that the House adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Upon which, the yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Coffee and Williams, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Lee, Mickler, Murphy, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Scott, Stewart, Vanzant, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—21.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Bowne, Coffee, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Love, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Oliver, Price, Robinson and Williams—13.

So the motion was carried, and the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 11, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present

The Rev. Mr. Ellis was introduced and officiated as Chaplain, having been selected to fill the vacancy occasioned by

the absence and removal of the Rev. J. K. Glover, the former Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Blount, in pursuance of previous notice, introduced the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate and define the duties and liabilities of Railroad Companies in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the acts creating liens in favor of mechanics and others;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the pleading and practice in the Courts of this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act fixing the compensation of Auctioneers;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for filling vacancies in the office of Justice of the Peace; and

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company;

Which were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Price gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to empower William J. Tucker to assume the management of his own estate.

Also, a bill to change the names of certain persons therein specified.

Mr. Vanzant gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to empower William F. Williams to assume the management of his own estate.

Also, a bill to change the names of certain persons therein specified.

Mr. Bird gave notice that on some future day he would introduce a bill to allow Morris Leob to assume the management of his own estate.

Mr. Blount moved that the rules be waived to allow him to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Mobile Railroad and Manufacturing Company, and also a bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Florida and Alabama Railroad Company:

Which was agreed to, and said bills received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Vanzant introduced a petition from sundry citizens of Columbia county praying that an appropriation of fifteen sections of the lands belonging to the State may be donated to the authorities of said county to aid in building a Court House for the use of said county;

Which was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The following reports were received and read:

The Committee appointed by the House to make arrangements

for the sitting of the House of Representatives during the sitting of the Convention, beg leave to make the following report:

That they have secured the Supreme Court room for the temporary use of the House.

JOS. JOHN WILLIAMS, Chairman.

The Special Committee appointed to consult with a Committee from the Convention in relation to a room for the sitting of that body, beg leave to report that they have consulted with said Committee, and have tendered the use of the Representatives' Hall to that body for their use while in session, which tender has been accepted by the Convention.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman,
D. A. VOGT,
JAMES ROBINSON.

The following communication addressed to the House from M. J. Murphy of Clay county, was received and read:

CAPITOL, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA,
January 10th, 1861.

HON. JOHN. B. GALBRAITH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir:—You will please communicate to the House over which you have the honor to preside, that I tender my resignation as a member of the same.

My reasons for so doing are that T. J. Hendricks, Esq., Delegate from Clay county to the State Convention, has this day cast his vote against the passage of the Ordinance of Secession, and he having more recently come from the People of said county than myself, perhaps represents their sentiments more fully than I do; therefore I am unwilling longer to represent them, holding as I do principles so adverse to theirs, as expressed through their Delegate.

By accepting my resignation you will enable the People of said county to elect a Representative more worthy of their confidence, and enable your humble petitioner to seek a sphere in which he will be able to do his country more efficient service.

Very respectfully,

M. J. MURPHY.

After some discussion the paper above was withdrawn until the report of the Committee on Elections concerning the contestation of the seat of said member from Clay should be considered.

Mr. Russell offered the following resolution:

Resolved, The the Committees on the Militia of the House and Senate act in conjunction in considering all bills introduced in either body relative to Military Affairs;

Which was read and adopted.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of William Henry Fitts to William Henry Bull;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to allow James R. Green, of Gadsden county, to contract and be contracted with;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county;

Was read the first time, and on motion referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Matthew L. McKinney to assume the management of his own estate;

Was read the first time, and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Committee from the Senate waited upon the House to inform them that the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate, if concurred in by the House, would act in conjunction with the Committee of the Judiciary of the House in considering such matters as should be brought before them.

The rule being wavied, Mr. Coffee moved that the Judiciary Committee be a joint Committee of the House to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate to transact such matters as may be referred to them;

Which was agreed to.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief A. D. Rogero, Sheriff of St. Johns county,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate resolution for the relief of L. J. Fleming,

Was read the 1st time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, Sheriff and Tax-Collector of Putnam county,

Was read the second time and referred to Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Escambia county to borrow money to build a Court House and Jail;

To which, after being read a second time, Mr. Wilkinson offered the following amendment: After the words "Escambia county," insert "Santa Rosa county;"

Which, with the bill, was referred to the Committee on Corporations.

The following communication was received from the State Convention:

HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Jan'y 11th, 1861.

Hon. Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—By a resolution of this Convention, your honorable body is respectfully invited to attend at the Capitol this day at 1 o'clock, P. M., to witness the ratification of the Ordinance of Secession. Your attendance is respectfully solicited.

Very respectfully,
WILLIAM S. HARRIS, Secretary.

Which was read and a communication addressed to the Convention informing them that the House would accept their invitation.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws in force in this State,

Was placed back upon its second reading and referred to the Committee on Elections.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Jefferson Felmer Ault to change his name to Jefferson Felmer Johns,

Was placed back on its second reading and referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

A resolution to pay Benjamin F. Whitner, Jr., for surveying and marking the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Senate joint resolution in relation to the Comptroller's Office;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Catharine A. Joiner;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Mays, the House took a recess until 15 minutes past 1 o'clock.

At the appointed time the House resumed its session.

The rule being waived, Mr. Blount moved that leave be granted the member from Orange to absent himself on to-morrow from the service of this House,

Which was agreed to.

A Committee from the Senate waited upon the House and informed them that they had been appointed to act with a similar Committee if appointed by the House to wait upon the State Convention and inform them that they were now ready to pro-

ceed to the Convention and witness the ratification of the Ordinance of Secession in pursuance of the invitation extended to them by said Convention;

Whereupon Messrs. Blount, Mays and Holland were appointed a Committee to act with the Committee of the Senate, who after a short absence reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for a State uniform and flag,

Was read the second time and on motion referred to the Committee on Militia.

The rule being waived, Mr. Blount moved that this House, preceded by the Speaker, do now proceed to witness the ceremony of the ratification of the Ordinance of Secession of this State from the Union of the confederacy once known as the United States of North America, and at the conclusion of that ceremony that this House do return to its chamber;

Which motion was agreed to.

After witnessing the signing and ratification of the Ordinance of Secession, on the East portico of the Capitol, the members of the House, preceded by their Speaker, returned and resumed their session.

On motion of Mr. Wilkinson, the House adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 12th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

Upon motion of Mr. Williams, the further reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day, viz:

By Mr. Carter:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the pilot laws now in force for the port of St. Marks.

By Mr. Hull:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the act of the 4th March, 1841, in relation to the sale of real estate of deceased persons.

By Mr. Love:

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of David McLewis of Gadsden county to that of McDavid Lewis.

By Mr. Howell:

A bill to be entitled an act to permit Erasmus M. Thompson,

of Hillsborough county, to practice law in the several counties of this State; also,

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. S. B. Todd, of Hillsborough county.

By Mr. Bellamy:

A bill to be entitled an act to allow William R. Taylor to assume the management of his own estate.

By Mr. Russell:

A bill to be entitled an act to encourage the citizens of this State to arm themselves.

By. Mr. Howell:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William H. Fannen.

Mr. Cole moved that the rule be waived, and that he be allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws of this State;

Which was agreed to, and said bill received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Richardson moved that the rule be waived, and that he allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to permanently locate the county site of Volusia;

Which was agreed to, and said bill received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Vogt presented a petition from Marion county, signed by James T. Hopkins and two hundred others, praying for a stay law;

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Pooser, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county, have considered the same and recommend its passage with the following amendment: Provided that the said Joseph B. Wood, shall first make affidavit before some legal officer that the State is justly indebted to him in said amount.

J. W. POOSER, Chairman.

Which was received and read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the pilot laws for the Port of Fernandina,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Love, the future consideration of the same was postponed until Wednesday next.

Senate resolution for the relief of L. J. Fleming,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the county of Polk from the counties of Hillsborough and Brevard,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. D. Rogero, Sheriff of St. John's county,

Was read a second time, and on motion referred to the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts.

Senate joint resolution in relation to the Comptroller's office,

Was read a second time, and upon motion was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the suspension of specie payments by the Banks of this State and the Agencies of Banks that are engaged in the banking business in this State;

Was, upon motion, placed back upon its second reading, and with the bill to stay Judicial Sales in this State, were referred to the joint committee of the Judiciary of the House and Senate for further consideration.

The rule being waived, upon motion of Mr. Vogt, the petition of sundry citizens of Marion County relative to a stay law was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Upon motion, the rule being waived, Mr. Stewart introduced a bill to be entitled an act to authorize Henry C. Grovenstine to plead and practice law;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

Upon motion the rule being waived, Mr. Richardson introduced a bill to be entitled an act permanently to locate the County Site of Volusia County;

Which on motion of Mr. Love, was read the first and second times by its title and with the petition accompanying the same, referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county,

Was read the second time and the amendment proposed to the same by the Committee on Propositions and Grievances adopted, and the bill ordered for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate and define the duties and liabilities of railroad corporations in this State,

Was read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the acts creating liens in favor of builders, material men, mechanics, laborers and others,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for filling vacancies in the offices of Justices of the Peace in this State,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company in relation to the election of Directors,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

On motion of Mr. Love, the report of the Committee on Elections, relative to the contested seat of Clay county, was taken up and made the special order of the House.

After some discussion of said report, the same, with all the evidence touching said contested seat, on motion of Mr. Love, was referred to a Select Committee of five.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Blount, Mays, Hawes, Holland of Hernando and Cole said Committee.

On motion of Mr. Love, the rule was waived and he allowed to introduce the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House inform the Senate that they will be ready on Tuesday, 15th inst., at 12 o'clock, to go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts for the State of Florida;

Which was adopted, and the same ordered to be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act passed Nov. 21st, 1829, sec. 3d, Thomp. Dig., page 242, fixing the compensation of Auctioneers,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Mobile Rail Road and Manufacturing Company,

Which was read the first and second times by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the pleadings and practice in the Courts of this State,

Was read the first and second times by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Upon motion of Mr. Love, the House adjourned until Monday next, 12 o'clock, M.

MONDAY, January 14th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the reading of the journals of Saturday's proceedings were dispensed with.

Mr. Blount moved that leave of absence from the service of this House be granted to the member from Walton (Mr. McKinnon) for the space of fifteen days;

Which was granted.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day, viz:

By Mr. Campbell:

A bill to be entitled an act to consolidate the office of Judge of Probate and Clerk of the Circuit Court in the county of Liberty.

By Mr. Oliver:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing James Addison, a citizen of Leon county, to build a dam across Ocklockonee river for mill and other purposes.

By Mr. Yates:

A bill to be entitled an act to reorganize Brevard county, and for other purposes.

Mr. Newburn, in pursuance of previous notive, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to organize a new county to be called Baker county, with a petition from the citizens of New River county;

Which bill and petition was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Mr. Bloxson introduced a petition from W. C. Gillis and a hundred other citizens of Holmes county, praying the location of the Court House at Hewett's Bluff;

Which petition was referred to Committee on Corporations.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 10th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has passed the following Bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company;

A bill to be entitled an act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer;

Also, House bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge

of the Middle Circuit of Florida to hold an extra term of the Circuit Court in Hamilton county.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the House bill which had passed the Senate ordered to be enrolled, and the Senate bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 14th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has concurred in the House resolution to elect Attorney General and Comptroller on Tuesday, the 15th instant.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PAKKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read.

The rules being waived, the following bills were introduced without previous notice:

By Mr. Means:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua County Railroad Company.

By Mr. Vanzant:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the criminal laws of this State;

Which bills were read and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hawes, from the Committee on Schools and Colleges, made the following reports:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill entitled an act to amend the school laws of Columbia county, beg leave to make the following report, viz:

That they find nothing that is objectionable in the bill, and, as it is entirely local in its application, they see no reason why it may not pass.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read.

Also the following:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill entitled an act for the relief of Walton county, relative

to the school fund, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws,

Was read the first time, and on motion of Mr. Vought was read the second time by its title and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Henry C. Grovenstine to plead and practice law,

Was read the first time, and on motion ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the county of Polk from the counties of Hillsborough and Brevard,

Was read the second time, and on motion referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Howell, Yates and Parker.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act passed November 21st, 1829, section 3d, (Thompson's Digest, page 242,) fixing the compensation of auctioneers,

Was read second time by its title, and on motion was referred to the Committee on the Sudiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize a new county to be called Baker county,

Was read the first time, and on motion ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to make Scnean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer,

Was read the first time, and on motion ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Walton county, relative to the school fund,

Was read the second time, and on motion to be engrossed for third reading to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company in relation to the election of Directors,

Was read the second time, and on motion referred to Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the school laws for Columbia county,

Was read a second time, and on motion referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Vanzant, Hull and Newburn.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the acts creating liens in favor of builders, material men, mechanics, laborers and others,

Was read a second time, and on motion referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for filling vacancies in the office of Justices of the Peace in this State,

Was read the second time and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to make constables elected by the people and the mode of taking bonds, &c.,

Was read the first time, and on motion, the rule being waived, was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua County Railroad Company,

Was read the first time, and on motion, the rule being waived, was read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Jud.ciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the criminal laws of this State,

Was read the first time, and on motion was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

The rule being waived, Mr. Blount moved that the Sergeant-at-Arms of this House (John Kilby) be granted leave of absence from the service of this House for fifteen days, and that the Speaker be authorized to appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms *pro tem.* during such absence;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 15, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Russell the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Mays, Mr. Means of Alachua was added to the Standnig Committee on the Judiciary.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day, viz.:

By Mr. Canova:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Saving and Building Association of Jacksonville.

By Mr. Robinson:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Town of Campbelton, of Jackson county; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the Town of Marianna, approved Jan. 8th, 1853.

Mr. Mays moved that 80 copies of the bill to be entitled an act to amend the pleading and practice of the Courts of this State, now in the hands of the Judiciary Committee, be printed for the use of this House;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved that the bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola & Mobile Railroad and Manufacturing Company be printed, and eighty copies of the same be furnished for the use of the House and Senate;

Which was agreed to.

The following memorials were presented and read:

By Mr. Canova:

A memorial from Davis Floyd praying to be released as surety on a Tax Collector's bond;

By Mr. Love:

A memorial from sundry citizens of Liberty county praying for a division of said county;

Which memorials were referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise.

The rules being waived, in pursuance of previous notice, the following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Oliver:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across Ocklocknee river, for the purpose of erecting a mill.

By Mr. Parker:

A bill to be entitled an act to declare Peas Creek a navigable stream;

Which bills were received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Poser, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Howell A. Barsden, former Sheriff and Tax Collector of Putnam county, beg leave to Report:

That they have had the same under consideration, and recommend the bill to be put upon its passage.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred a petition from sundry persons of Columbia county, praying a donation from the State of fifteen sections of land belonging to the State, for the purpose of building a Court House in said county, and after having duly considered the petition, there being no limitation to the location of the lands, and for other reasons, we deem it inexpedient to report favorably.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Vogt from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills Report:

The following bill as correctly engrossed, viz: A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Walton county relative to the School Fund. Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, having had the bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county under consideration, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the same and recommend that the bill do not pass.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to regulate and define the duties and liabilities of Railroad Companies in this State, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined and considered said bill, and recommend that it do not pass.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom a House bill entitled an act permanently to locate the county site of Volusia county was referred, beg leave respectfully to report the same as duly considered by them, and in lieu of it report back to the House the following as a substitute.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and substitute placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of the county of Escambia to borrow money for the purpose of building a Court House and Jail, with the amendment thereto, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the same back to the House with the following additional amendments, to wit:

Insert the word "counties" in every case in which the word "county" occurs in said bill.

And an additional section, to be numbered

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That at the next election to be held in the counties aforesaid it shall be the duty of the Judges of Probate thereof to submit the provisions of this act to the voters of said counties, requiring each voter to endorse on the ballot by him deposited his approval or disapproval of the same, and if, upon a canvass of the votes cast, it shall appear that a majority of the legal votes are in favor thereof, then this act shall take effect and be in force, and not sooner.

With these amendments the Committee recommend that the bill do pass.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendments were placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report that they have carefully examined said bill, and would recommend that the bill be amended in the following manner, to wit:

After the words "capital stock," in the 12th line of the 6th section, insert the words "as well as the private property of each and every one of the stockholders of said Company."

With this amendment the Committee recommend that the bill do pass.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Bellamy, from the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts, made the following report:

The Committee on Finance and Public Accounts have had under consideration the following bill and resolution, and recommend that they do pass:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. D. Rogero, Sheriff of St. Johns county.

A resolution for the relief of L. J. Fleming.

B. W. BELLAMY, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Finance and Public Ats, to whom was referred a bill to to be entitled an act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others, have had the same under consideration, and report:

That they recommend the passage of the bill, with the following amendment: "Provided that the said accounts shall be audited and allowed as proper and just by the Comptroller."

B. W. BELLAMY, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary of the House and Senate made the following report:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to allow Matthew L. McKinney to assume the management of his own estate, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to

REPORT:

That they entertain serious doubt as to the propriety of interfering, by special legislation, with that general rule of the law which prescribes a certain age, twenty-one years, to be attained by persons to entitle them to the full and complete dignity of citizenship. A rule of law so ancient in its origin, and one that has shown, by its operatione and effects, so much wisdom in its conception, should not, in the opinion of your Committee, be broken in upon by special legislation, except for reasons so apparent, and upon facts so evident as to address themselves to the common sense of every one with such force as to give assurance that "the sanctity of the general rule may not be injuriously affected by its violation in the particular instance." Your Committee are not aware that any circumstances exist, in connection with the case referred to them, that should induce them to depart from the old rule, and therefore recommend that the bill do not pass.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.

Which was read.

A Select Committee, through Mr. Howell, made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to organize the county of Polk from the counties of Hillsborough and Brevard, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me, their Chairman, to report the same with amendments, and recommend the passage of said bill.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH HOWELL, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and said bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

A Select Committee, through Mr. Vanzant, made the following report:

The Committee report that the bill be amended by inserting counties where the word county appears, and Judges of Probate where Judge of Probate appears, and after the word Columbia insert Suwanee, New River, Lafayette, Nassau and Sumpter.

Which was received and read, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the House took a recess for ten minutes.

The House resumed its session at the appointed time.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Call, Chain and McCall, informed the House that the Senate was ready to go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller.

On motion of Mr. Pooser, a Committee of Three were appointed by the House, consisting of Messrs. Pooser, Broxson and Bellamy, to inform the Senate that the House is ready to go into the election of officers.

The Committee having performed their duty, were discharged.

The Senate entered the House, and the President, by request of the Speaker, took the Chair.

The President declared the object of the joint meeting to be to elect an Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The joint meeting proceeded to the election of Attorney General.

Mr. Pooser nominated Mr. T. T. Long, of Nassau county.

Mr. Holland of Hernando nominated Mr. J. B. Galbraith, of Leon county.

The vote was:

For Mr. Galbraith—Senate 8. House—Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Love, Oliver, Parker, Richardson, Scott, Williams and Yates—18. Total—26.

For Mr. Long—Senate 9. House—Messrs. Bird, Clyatt, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means,

Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt and Wilkinson—20. Total—29.

Blank—Senate none. House—Mr. Coffee—1.

The President decided that there was no election, neither of the candidates having received the requisite number of votes.

The joint meeting proceeded to a second ballot.

The vote was:

For Galbraith—Senate 8. House—Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Love, Oliver, Parker, Richardson, Scott, Wells, Williams and Yates—19. Total—27.

For Long—Senate 8. House—Messrs. Bird, Clyatt, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt and Wilkinson—19. Total—27.

Blank—Senate 1. House—Messrs. Coffee and Lee—2.

The President decided that there was no election.

On motion of Mr. Call of the Senate, the joint meeting proceeded to the election of Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Mr. Bowne of Hernando nominated Mr. R. C. Williams of Leon county.

Mr. VanZant nominated Mr. Lewis Pyles of Alachua county.

Mr. Finlayson nominated Mr. William Scott of Jefferson county.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 8. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxon, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, Oliver, Parker, Robinson, Scott, Williams and Yates—19. Total—27.

For Pyles—Senate 8. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Coffee, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt and Wilkinson—18. Total—26.

For Scott—Senate 1. House—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Russell and Scott—4. Total—5.

Blank—Senate—None. House—None.

The President decided that there was no election.

The joint meeting proceeded to a second ballot for Comptroller.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 7. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, Oliver, Parker, Robinson, Scott, Williams and Yates—19. Total—26.

For Pyles—Senate 9. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Coffee, Dans-

by, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt and Wilkinson—18. Total—27.

For Scott—Senate 1. House—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird and Russell—3. Total—4.

The President decided there was no election.

On motion of Mr. Call of the Senate, the joint meeting adjourned.

Mr. VanZant moved that the House adjourn until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays being called for by Messrs. Love and Pooser, were:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Canova, Carter, Clyatt, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newbern, Parker, Richardson, Stewart, VanZant, Wilkinson and Yates—21.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Bowne, Campbell, Coffee, Dansby, Hull, Love, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Vogt and Williams—16.

So the motion was carried, and the House stood adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 16th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Bellamy, the further reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings, after certain corrections being made, was dispensed with.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day, viz:

By Mr. Holland of Hernando:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others, who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians.

By Mr. Hull:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William G. Parker, Sheriff of Suwannee county.

By Mr. Love:

A bill to be entitled an act to change the times for holding the Circuits Courts in the Middle Judicial Circuit; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the rules of Chancery

practice in this State in reference to granting orders of publication to perfect service upon non-residents, &c.

Mr. Love moved that the Speaker be authorized to employ such assistance as may be necessary to bring up the Journals of the House;

Which was agreed to.

The following bills were introduced in pursuance of previous notice, viz:

By Mr. Robinson:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Campbellton of Jackson county.

By Mr. Canova:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville Light Infantry of Jacksonville.

By Mr. Price:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize William J. Tucker to assume the management of his own estate; also,

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to furnish the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia county with seal of office.

By Mr. Murphy:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Ozias Buddington.

By Mr. Stewart:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize William J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zipperer to establish a toll bridge across the Suwannee and Allapaha rivers;

Which bills were received and placed among the orders of the day.

The following memorials were presented and read:

By Mr. Holland of Hernando:

A memorial from Thomas Law and sundry others, for the relief of Hamilton Kersey; also,

A memorial from B. F. Jackson and sundry others, praying for the relief of Jackson L. Andrews and others, citizens of Hernando county; also,

A memorial from C. R. Alexander and sundry other citizens of Hernando county, praying for the release of John Townsend and others, sureties on a Tax-Collector's bond.

By Mr. Clyatt:

A memorial from James F. Prevatt, former Sheriff and Tax-Collector of Levy county, for relief;

Which memorials were referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise.

The Joint Committee of the House and Senate on the Judiciary made the following report:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred

a bill to be entitled an act to provide for filling vacancies in the office of Justice of the Peace, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to

REPORT:

That they have examined the said bill, and do not deem the enactment of such an act as the bill contemplates necessary to the public welfare at present, and therefore return the bill, and recommend that the bill do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Jefferson Filmer Ault, of New River county, to Jefferson Filmer Johns, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT:

That the legislation provided by the act of 1852, chapter 532, fully embraces the relief sought by this bill. The Committee further report that the 2d section of the bill referred, provides that the name of Benjamin Keyton Durance, of Clay county, be changed to that of Benjamin Keyton Kennedy, and that he be made an heir at law of James H. Kennedy. The Legislature has heretofore provided the manner and form in which persons may be legitimated, and heirship to estate created, through the Courts of the State. They therefore deem the legislation asked for unwise and inexpedient, and recommend that the bill do not pass.

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee,
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which were received and read, and said bills placed among the orders of the day.

The committee on Claims and Accounts through Mr. Hawes, made the following report:

The committee on Claims, to whom was referred a resolution to pay Benjamin F. Whitner for surveying and marking the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida, beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was received and the said resolution placed among the orders of the day.

The committee on Proposition and Grievances, through Mr. Pooser, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances having before them an act to be entitled an act to divide New River county, at the centre line of township four, running from east to west across said county, and that a new county be created out of the northern portion thereof, to be called Baker county, and after duly considering the case in all its bearings, have agreed in our report that the bill pass.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Which was received and read and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 16th, 1861.

HON. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act regulating pilots and pilotage of the Bay of Pensacola;

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the common school fund of Santa Rosa county;

A bill to be entitled an act to empower William H. Webster, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and to contract and be contracted with;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road law, and to repeal certain acts relating to Santa Rosa county, herein named; and

A bill to be entitled an act declaring who shall be held and considered as orphans.

Very Respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

A committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Call, Magbee and Walker, waited upon the House and requested the return of the Senate bill entitled an act to amend the Pilot laws for the Port of Fernandina.

The Speaker appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Coffee, Murphy and Bellamy, to return said bill;

Who reported that they had performed said duty, and were discharged.

The rule being waived, Mr. Love moved that the petition from sundry citizens of Liberty county be withdrawn from the Com-

mittee on Propositions and Grievances and referred to a select committee of five;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Love, Campbell, Oliver, Wells and Stewart, were appointed said committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Henry C. Grovenstine to plead and practice law,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county,

Was read the second time, amendments adopted, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, former Sheriff and Tax Collector of Putnam county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act permanently to locate the county site of Volusia county,

Was read the second time, the substitute proposed by the Committee on Corporations adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the criminal law of this State,

Was read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Senate bill to be entitled an act authorizing the County Commissioners of Escambia county to borrow money to build a Court House and Jail,

Was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Mays, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to take the same into consideration, Mr. Love in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose and reported the bill back as amended, and recommended its passage. The amendment thereto proposed by the Committee on Corporations was adopted and the same ordered to be engrossed and

appended, and said bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to charter a Southern Export and Import Company,

Was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Mays, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole to take the same into consideration, Mr. Hawes in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose and reported progress and asked leave to sit again.

The rule being waived, Mr. Love moved that 80 copies of the bill be printed for the use of the House;

Which was agreed to.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. McQueen, Rogers and Baldwin waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, A monument to the late Captain John Parkhill, who was killed in the service of the State, has been procured by the voluntary subscription of his fellow-soldiers and citizens:

Resolved, That the same be erected in the Capitol Square, under the supervision of Major General G. W. Parkhill, at a point to be chosen by him;

Which, upon the rule being waived, was adopted by the House and the same ordered to be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Stewart moved that the House adjourn until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Russell and Oliver, and were:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Richardson, Stewart and Wells—20.

Nays—Messrs. Bowne, Canova, Dansby, Haddock, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—16.

So the House stood adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 17th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Holloman, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day, viz:

By Mr. Haddock:

A bill to be entitled an act to charter the Bank of Alachua, situated at the city of Fernandina; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from penning or detaining stock without the consent of the owners of Nassau co.

By Mr. Holloman:

A bill to be entitled an act for the protection of slave property.

The following bills were introduced in pursuance of previous notice, viz:

By Mr. Love:

A bill to be entitled an act to change and define the boundary line between the counties of Gadsden and Liberty; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Circuit Court of the Middle Circuit of Florida; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to change the Chancery practice in this State in reference to granting orders of publication, &c.

By Mr. Carter:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the compensation of pilots at the Port of St. Marks.

By Mr. Holland of Hernando:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others, who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians.

Which bills were received and placed among the orders of the day.

The rule being waived, the following bills were introduced without previous notice:

By Mr. Blount:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable rail-road companies to obtain the right of way.

By Mr. Robinson:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the town of Marianna, approved January 8th, 1853.

By Mr. VanZant:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the acts of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia county and for other purposes.

By Mr. ———:

A bill to be entitled an act enlarging the time for making demands on rail-road companies and for other purposes.

Said bills were received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Richardson presented a memorial from sundry citizens of Volusia county for the relief of A. J. Baker, &c.;

Which was received, read and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, with instructions to report by bill or otherwise.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, through Mr. Pooser, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, having before them a memorial or petition for the relief of Joseph F. Prevatt, Sheriff and Tax Collector of Levy county, and after having fully examined the case carefully, we mutually agree that the prayer of the petition should not be granted.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Also the following:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, having before them a petition from John Townsend, Cornelias Seals and Elias J. Knight, bondsmen of Ezekiel L. Selph, Tax Collector and Assessor in Hernando county, praying to be relieved from an indebtedness, not stated, subject to said bond, we, the Committee, having weighed all the circumstances embracing the case, to the best of our knowledge, do hereby concur in our opinions that the prayer of the petition should not be granted.

J. H. POOSER, Chairman.

Also the following:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances have taken into consideration a petition for the relief of Enoch H. Anders and William M. Lang, for services rendered in Capt. R. D. Bradley's Company of Mounted Volunteers, beginning with the 22d of July and up the 23d of October, 1849, inclusive, and having carefully examined all the circumstances connected with the case, we are of the opinion that the prayer of the petition should not be granted.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Also the following:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, having under consideration a petition for the relief of Hampton Kersey, who served under the command of Capt. E. T. Hendricks, as a mounted volunteer, in 1856 and 1857, and after having examined the case according to the best evidences before us, we do all agree that the petition ought not to be granted.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Also the following:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, having before them a memorial for the relief of Davis Floyd of Clay county, security on the bond of Nathan H. Voght, Tax Collector and Assessor of Duval, praying to be relieved of an indebtedness of three thousand dollars, subject to said bond, we, the Committee, having carefully investigated the case before us, do hereby agree not to recommend the prayer of the petition.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Which reports were received and read, and upon motion concurred in.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act permanently to locate the County Site of Volusia county;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood, of Columbia county;

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act authorizing a Bridge Tax in Walton county;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Howel A. Baisden, former Sheriff and Tax Collector of Putnam county;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties to borrow money to build a Court-House and Jail.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed first among the orders of the day.

The following report was received from the Joint Committee of the Judiciary of the House and Senate:

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the acts creating liens in favor of builders, material men, mechanics, laborers and others, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the same back to the House with the following amendments, to-wit:

Strike out from the 13th and 14th lines of the first section, all after the word "labor" to the word "shall," and insert the words "which notice upon being accepted in writing by the said owner, or proprietor, or his agent."

Strike out from the 17th line of the same section, the words "of a copy."

Strike out the entire 5th (fifth) section.

With these amendments the Committee recommend that the bill do pass.

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Commitee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read.

The rule being waived, Mr. Love moved the adoption of the following additional Standing Rule of the House:

That all motions made during motion hour of intention to introduce bills, or concerning any bill, and all motions necessary

to appear upon the journals during motion hour, or motions to waive the Rule, shall be reduced to writing by the mover and sent to the desk of the Clerk to be read by him, and it shall not be required of the Clerk to enter upon the minutes of the proceedings of the House any motion not so reduced to writing and sent to the desk of the Clerk as aforesaid.

Which was adopted.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 16, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has passed the following Bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an Act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to that of Nepcy Cheshire.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. McCall, Starke and Walker informed the House that the Senate will be ready at 1 o'clock, P. M., to go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller.

Mr. Means moved that at 10 o'clock to-day the House enter into an election of Comptroller and Attorney General, and that a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Senate and inform them of the same.

The rule upon vote, not being waived, said motion was not acted upon.

Mr. Love moved that the rule be waived, and he be allowed to introduce the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House inform the Senate that they will be ready to-day at one o'clock to go into election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts for the State of Florida.

The rule upon vote, not being waived, said resolution was not acted upon.

Mr. Love moved that a Committee be appointed to wait on the Senate and inform them that the House would not concur to go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller at 1 o'clock, P. M.;

Which motion was agreed to.

Whereupon Messrs. Love, Coffee and Blount were appointed said Committee.

The Committee returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. D. Rogero, Sheriff of St. Johns county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county,

Was placed back on its second reading and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Matthew L. McKinney to assume the management of his own estate,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts.

Senate resolution for the relief of L. I. Fleming,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the county of Polk from the counties of Hillsborough and Brevard;

Which on motion, was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the school laws of Columbia county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate and define the duties and liabilities of Railroad Companies in this State;

Which on motion, was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklockonee river for the purpose of erecting a mill,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to declare Peas Creek a navigable stream,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to Incorporate the town of Campbellton in Jackson county;

Rule waived, read the first and second times by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville Light Infantry of Jacksonville;

Rule waived, read the first time by its title, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow,

Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower William H. Webster, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate and to contract and be contracted with;

Rule waived, read the first time by its title, and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Ozias Buddington,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize William J. J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zipperer to establish a toll bridge across the Suwannee and Alapaha rivers;

Which was read the first time, rules waived, read a second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower Wm. J. Tucker to assume the management of his own estate,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to furnish the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia county with a seal of office,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer;

Which, upon motion, was laid upon the table.

Senate bill to be entitled an act placing certain minor children under the guardianship and protection of the Probate Court,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Escambia and Santa Rosa counties to borrow money to build a Court House and Jail,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Murphy, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Scott, Stewart, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—35.

Nays—Messrs. Mays, Oliver, Russell and VanZant—4.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph B. Wood of Columbia county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Winkinson and Yates—36.

Nays—Messrs. Holloman and Scott—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to permanently locate the county site of Volusia county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—37.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, former Sheriff and Tax Collector of Putnam county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Mickler, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—37.

Nay—Mr. Holloman—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the acts creating liens in favor of builders, material men, mechanics, loborers and others;

Was read a second time and the amendments proposed by the Joint Judiciary Committee adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reaning on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to Nepcy Cheshire;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to regulate pilots and pilotage of the Bay of Pensacola;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act in relation to the common school fund of Santa Rosa county;

Rule waived, read first time by its title and ordered for second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to fill vacancies in the offices of Justices of the Peace,

Was read the second time, and on motion was laid upon the table.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the road law and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county therein named;

Rule waived, read first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize a new county to be called the county of Baker,

Was read the second time, and on motion was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Jefferson Filmer Ault to change his name to Jefferson Filmer Johns,

Was read the second time, and on motion was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Carter, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 18, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with, after certain corrections were made therein.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day:

By Mr. Carter:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of G. G. Holt and Thaddeus Rees, of Wakulla county.

By Mr. Holland of Hernando:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Spencer T. Thomas, of Hernando county.

By Mr. Hull:

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Lewis Clarke, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate.

By Mr. Holland of Hernando:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of John Townsend, Cornelius Seals and Elias J. Knight, bondsmen of Ezekiel L. Selph, Tax Collector of and Assessor for Hernando county.

In pursuance of previous notice, the following bills were introduced:

By Mr. Howell:

A bill to be entitled an act to permit Erasmus M. Thompson, of Hillsborough county, to practice law in the several counties in this State; also,

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William H. Fannin.

By Mr. Russell:

A bill to be entitled an act to encourage the citizens of this State in procuring arms and accoutrements, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Newburn:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of Probate and County Commissioners of New River county to draw and select the Grand Jurors from such persons as are qualified to serve as jurors.

By Mr. VanZant:

A bill to be entitled an act to empower William F. Williams to assume the management of his own estate.

Said bills were received and placed among the orders of the day.

The rule being waived, the following bills were introduced without previous notice:

By Mr. Williams:

A bill to be entitled an act to grant certain privileges to the Leon Artillery Company, and to provide an armory and accoutrements for the same.

By Mr. Love:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning the office of Clerk of the Supreme Courts of this State.

Said bills were received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved that a bill to be entitled an act to organize the county of Polk from the counties of Hillsborough and Brevard; also, a bill to be entitled an act to organize a new county to be called the county of Baker, be taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blount moved, that the bill entitled an act to regulate the

duties and liabilities of Railroad Companies be taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Mays moved that leave of absence be granted to Messrs. Stewart of Hamilton, Hull of Columbia and Price of Columbia counties until Tuesday next 1 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hull moved that leave of absence from this House be granted to Mr. Love of Gadsden until 12 o'clock, Monday next;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Bellamy offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the House (with the consent of the Senate) will go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts at half past 7 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, January 22d inst.;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Newburn, Parker, Price, Russell, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Wells and Yates—23.

Nays—Messrs. Bowne, Canova, Clyatt, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Murphy, Oliver, Pooser, Richardson, Robinson, Vogt and Williams—19.

So the resolution was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bird, a Committee was appointed to convey said resolution to the Senate and inform them of its adoption.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Bird, Bellamy and Robinson said Committee.

The committee returned and reported that they had performed their duty and were discharged.

Mr. Canova offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of this State be and he is hereby requested to render statements to the General Assembly of the condition of the several Banks organized and in operation within this State under the act authorizing the same;

Which was adopted and the same ordered to be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklockonee river for the purpose of erecting a mill;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. D. Rogero, Sheriff of St. Johns county;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the School Laws of Columbia county;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize William J. J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zipperer to establish a toll bridge across the Suwannee and Alapaha rivers;

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Mathew L. McKinney to assume the management of his own estate.

Respectfully submitted,
D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was received and read and the accompanying bills placed first among the orders of the day.

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary of the House and Senate made the following report:

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to make Constables elective by the people, and the mode of taking bonds, &c., have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the accompanying bill as a substitute for the bill referred to them, and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Alachua Railroad Company, ask leave to return the said bill to the House and respectfully suggest its reference to the Committee on Corporations.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Criminal law of the State, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to

REPORT:

That they recommend that the second section of said bill be struck out, and with this amendment that the bill be passed.

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act, passed November 21st, 1829, section 3d, (Thompson's Digest, page 242,) fixing the compensation of Auctioneers, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to

REPORT:

That they do not think it advisable to make the changes in the law respecting Auctioneers which the bill contemplates, and therefore return the bill to the House and recommend that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which were received and read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Claims, through Mr. Hawes, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of John M. Irwin, Surveyor and Engineer, asking to be remunerated for a survey of the Ocklawaha River, in this State, having duly considered the same, beg leave to

REPORT:

That the services rendered in the said survey by the petitioner, and for which he asks remuneration, were at the time entirely unauthorized by the State or any of its officers, and consequently entitle him to no compensation from this Legislature. But it is due to the petitioner to state that, subsequently the Legislature of this State adopted a resolution, authorizing and requesting the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to employ a competent Engineer to survey the said Ocklawaha river, and that the Governor, instead of incurring the expense of a new survey of that river, used the survey of the petitioner as the basis of his message to the Legislature on that subject. Your Committee, therefore, have deemed it best to present these facts to the House, and leave the whole matter to the sense of justice and liberality of the Legislature.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was received and read.

The Committee on Internal Improvements, through Mr. Canova, made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Road laws, beg

leave respectfully to report the same back to the House without amendment, and recommend its passage.

A. A. CANOVA, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, through Mr. Pooser, made the following report:

We, the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, after having advisedly examined the claim of the petitioners of Volusia county, recommend that the above bill be put upon its passage.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Which was received and read and the reported bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following report was received from the Select Committee on the memorial from Liberty county:

The special committee, to whom was referred the petition of sundry citizens of Liberty county praying to change the boundary lines between the counties of Liberty and Gadsden, so as to include them in Gadsden county, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to

REPORT:

That they deem the prayer of the petitioners reasonable and just, and recommend that a bill be passed in accordance with the prayer of said petitioners.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. B. LOVE,
H. H. WELLS,
A. OLIVER,
J. Q. STEWART.

Mr. Campbell made the following minority report:

The undersigned being compelled to differ in opinion from the views expressed in the majority report of the Special Committee, appointed to take under consideration a petition from several citizens of Liberty County, praying that a change be made in boundary line, beg leave to

REPORT:

That several of the petitioners are not citizens of Liberty county, and several others who signed the petition signed a former petition to be cut off from Gadsden county, making the reasons assigned for signing the petition neither reasonable nor just, is of opinion that the petition should not be granted.

ARCH'D CAMPBELL.

Which were read.

The rule being waived, Mr. Williams offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That on and after Tuesday the 22nd inst., the daily sittings of this House shall be as follows: From 10½ A. M. to 1½ P. M., and from 3½ P. M. to 5½ P. M.;

Which, upon motion of Mr. Love, was laid upon the table until Tuesday next.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 17th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I am instructed to return Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the pilot laws for the Port of Fernandina.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PAKKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 17th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has passed the following bill with amendments, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to establish the Records of Columbia county and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read and the amendments proposed by the Senate adopted, and the bill with amendments ordered to be enrolled.

The Select Committee on the contested seat from Clay county made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred the contested election case from the county of Clay, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT:

That from a full and careful examination of all the testimony adduced before them, they are of opinion that B. Frisbee, Esq., has been legally elected by a majority of two votes, and is therefore

entitled to the seat in this House now held by Miles S. Murphy, Esq.

All of which is respectfull submitted,

ALEX. C. BLOUNT,
G. E. HAWES,
A. S. COLE,
D. H. MAYS,
N. W. HOLLAND.

Which was received and read, and on motion to concur in the same, the yeas and nays were call for, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Parker, Vogt and Yates—20.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Broxson, Canova, Clyatt, Dansby, Holland of Hernando, Hull, Lee, Love, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Wells and Williams—20.

So the report was not concurred in.

Mr. Holland of Hernando offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the contested election from Clay county, the seat be declared vacant, and that the Judge of Probate of said county be required to order a new election to fill said vacancy.

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Collins, Dansby, Holland of Hernando, Hull, Lee, Love, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Wells and Williams—23.

Nays—Messrs. Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Robinson, Vogt and Yates—17.

So the resolution was adopted, and the seat from Clay county declared vacant.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Matthew L. McKinney to assume the management of his own estate,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, McCormick, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Price, Richardson, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Wells and Yates—27.

Nays—Messrs. Campbell, Carter, Mays, Means, Pooser, Robinson, Russell, Vogt and Williams—9.

So the bill passed, title as stated and ordered to be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklocknee river for the purpose of erecting a mill,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Canova, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt and Williams—30.

Nays—Messrs. Campbell, Holloman, Love and Scott—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. D. Rogero, Sheriff of St. Johns county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Robinson, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Wells and Yates—33.

Nay—Mr. Haddock—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Williams moved that the House adjourn until Monday, 12 o'clock, M.;

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Carter, Coffee, Cole, Holloman, Love, Mays, Means, Scott, Stewart, VanZant and Williams—11.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, McCormick, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Vogt, Wells and Yates—30.

So the motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Haddock, the House adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 19th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

Upon motion of Mr. Bird, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with, after certain corrections were made therein.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day, viz:

By Mr. Haddock:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws of Nassau county.

By Mr. Carter:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of John Stevens.

Mr. Blount moved that the bill to be entitled an act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer, be taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

In pursuance of previous notice the following bill was introduced:

By Mr. Carter:

A bill entitled an act for the relief of George G. Holt and Thaddeus Reece, of Wakulla county;

Which was read, and on motion placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that a Select Committee be appointed to report a bill to this House, providing for a uniform for the troops of Florida, and that the Senate be requested to appoint a Committee to act with the House Committee, as a Joint and Select Committee;

Which motion was adopted, and Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Coffee, Bird, Russell and Wells were appointed said Committee.

Mr. Pooser gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to change the name of the Big Spring creek, in Jackson county, to Spring river, and make the same a navigable stream.

Mr. Coffee offered the following resolution:

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the two bodies adjourn on Saturday, 26th instant;

Which was laid on the table.

Mr. Means offered the following resolution:

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the Comptroller and Treasurer be, and they are hereby required to

audit and to pay the account of B. Frisbee, late contestant for the seat of Clay county in this House, at the rate of per diem and mileage allowed the members of this House, up to the 18th day of January, 1861, and that M. S. Murphy be allowed the same pay for his services in this House up to same date.

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read a second and third times, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, VanZant, Vogt, Wilkinson and Yates—30.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Canova offered the following resolution:

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the sum of two hundred and ten ($210) dollars be, and the same is hereby allowed to John M. Irwin, for services rendered in surveying the Ocklawaha river, and that the Comptroller of the State is authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for said amount.

Which was read, and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

Mr. Holland, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill entitled an act to repeal an act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered said bill, and being convinced that no one can be injured thereby, respectfully recommend that the bill do pass.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Also the following:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Mobile Railroad and Manufacturing Company, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT:

That, upon an examination of the said bill, they perceive that it is intended to substitute the name of the "Pensacola and Mobile Railroad and Manufacturing Company" for that of the "Junction and Perdido Railroad Company," a Company now in existence under the act of 1849, providing for the formation of associations for purposes of internal improvement, and which Com-

pany has now progressing and in operation a large portion of their works and have expended large sums of money upon the same under the franchises granted by said act. The Committee therefore recommend that the bill do pass, with the following amendment, to wit: Strike out of the 9th line of the 7th section the words "or of the United States."

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Also the following:

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Florida and Alabama Railroad Company in relation to the election of Directors, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which were read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Bird, from the Committee on Elections, made the following report:

The Committee on Elections, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Election laws in force in this State, have had the same under consideration and

REPORT:

That they deem the amendment proposed by the bill a judicious one, and would ask leave to return the same to the House and recommend its passage.

P. B. BIRD, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry citizens of Escambia county made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred the memorial of sundry citizens of Escambia county, praying that Saturne Rainey, and others, be exempt from the operation of the act of 1856, Chapters 794 and 795, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to

REPORT:

That it appears from the facts set forth in the memorial that most of the persons in whose favor this memorial has been presented, or their immediate ancestors, were inhabitants of the Territory of Florida at the time of its cession to the United States by the crown of Spain; that under the treaty of settlement and limits entered into between the United States and his Catholic Majisty, the King of Spain, and ratified by the U. States Feb-

ruary 19th, 1821, it is provided in the sixth Article of the same that "The *inhabitants* of the territories which his Catholic Majisty cedes to the United States by this treaty, shall be incorporated in the Union of the United States as soon as may be consistent with the principles of the Federal Constitution, and admitted to the enjoyment of all the privileges, rights and immunities of the citizens of the United States." This being a treaty stipulation solemnly entered into between the high contracting powers thereto, creating vested rights in these persons, sound policy as well as the obligations of justice, require that it should be inviolably carried out and performed, that no act should be done by this State, in her sovereign capacity, which would tarnish her honor, as nothing adds so much to the glory of a nation as the reputation of an inviolable fidelity in the performance of promises. We therefore recommend that the accompanying bill do pass, in accordance with the prayer of the memorialists.

ALEX. C. BLOUNT,
D. A. VOGT,
AVIN OLIVER.

Which was received and read and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Campbellton of Jackson county;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the acts creating liens in favor of builders, material men, mechanics, laborers and others.

Respectfully submitted,
D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the School laws of Columbia, Suwannee, New River, Lafayette, Sumter and Nassau counties,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, VanZant, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—32.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Engrossed bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Campbellton in Jackson county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—32.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts of the Middle Judicial Circuit of Florida,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the Chancery practice in this State in reference to granting orders of publication, &c.,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act enlarging the time for making demands on Railroad Companies for stock killed or injured and for other purposes,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the compensation of Pilots at the Port of St. Marks,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to enable Railroad Companies to obtain the right of way,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the town of Marianna,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the acts of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia county and for other purposes,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of T. C. Bolling, administrator of R. A. Child, deceased,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by

its title, and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an act to declare Peas Creek a navigable stream,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville Light Infantry of Jacksonville,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

Senate resolution for the relief of L. I. Fleming,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Mays, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Richardson, VanZant, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—27.

Nay—Mr. Haddock—1.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower William H. Webster, a minor, to assume the mangement of his own estate, and to contract and be contracted with,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

A petition from sundry citizens of South Florida respecting the fisheries, was presented by the Speaker;

Which was read, and the petition with the accompanying bill referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Parker, Howell, Robinson, Canova, Bowne and Clyatt.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Ozias Buddington,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the pay of the Florida Volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians,

Was read the first time, and, on motion of Mr. Holland of Hernando, was read a second time by its title and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Blount, Parker and Lee.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the road law and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county therein named,

Was read a second time and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. Canova, the rules were waived and a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Savings and Building Association,

Was taken up and the bill read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act declaring who shall be held and considered as orphans,

Was read a second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

Senate bill to be entitled an act in relation to the common school fund of Santa Rosa county,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

A bill to be entitled an act concerning the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of this State,

Was read the first and second time by its title, the rule being waived, and referred to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion, the rules were waived, and

A bill to be entitled an act to grant certain privileges to the Leon Artillery, and to provide an armory and accoutrements for the same,

Was read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on Militia.

A bill to be entitled an act to reorganize the county of Brevard, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

Senate bill entitled an act to amend an act regulating pilots and pilotage of the bay of Pensacola,

Was read a second time, when

Mr. Blount offered an amendment to strike out the 7th section of the bill;

Which was adopted, and the bill ordered for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville Light Infantry of Jacksonville,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Militia.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act passed Nov. 21st, 1829, Sec. 3, (Thompson's Digest, page 242,) fixing the compensation of Auctioneers,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Holloman, was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of Probate and County Commissioners of New River county to draw and select the grand jurors from such persons as are qualified to serve as jurors,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on Monday.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the rule was waived, and Messrs. Holland of Franklin and Coffee were added to the Committee on Militia.

A bill to be entitled an act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company,

Was read the second time, and on motion, the House went into Committee of the Whole on said bill, Mr. Holland of Franklin in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose and reported the bill back to the House as amended and recommended its passage;

Which amendments were concurred in by the House, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the House adjourned until Monday next, 12 o'clock M.

MONDAY, January 21st, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Mickler, the reading of the proceedings of Saturday was dispensed with.

The following bills were introduced without previous notice, viz:

By Mr. Blount:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to organize the Supreme Court of this State.

By Mr. Pooser:

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Big Spring Creek in Jackson county to Spring River, and make the same a navigable stream.

By Mr. Holland of Franklin:

A bill to be entitled an act respecting the sale of wines and spiritous liquors to slaves or free persons of color in the city of Apalachicola;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Clinton Thigpen;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate an Insurance Company in the city of Apalachicola, to be called the Florida Home Insurance Company; also,

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the admission of Attorneys and Counsellors at Law in the Courts of the State of Florida;

Which bills were receibed and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Franklin offered the following resolution:

Resolved, The a Joint and Select Committee of three members be appointed by the House to act with a like Committee from the Senate to report a bill providing for Finances for this State; and that said Committee be instructed to invite gentlemen of financial abilities to appear before said Committee and confer with them for the best interest of the State; and the Treasurer and Comptroller are requested to furnish said Joint Committee with any information which they may require;

Which was adopted, and a Committee consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Robinson and Howell were appointed to inform the Senate of its adoption.

Mr. Blount, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others who have not been paid for service actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT:

That they recommend that the entire fifth section be stricken from the said bill and the following be substituted therefor, to-wit:

Sec. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That there shall be made before the Judge of Probate satisfactory proof that the person or persons applying for the benefit of this act has or have actually rendered the service of the kind and for the time specified; to which the said Judge of Probate is required to certify the same, and to affix the proper seal of his office; upon the production of which certificate the Comptroller shall issue his warrants or script as aforesaid.

With this amendment the committee recommend that the bill do pass.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

ALEX. C. BLOUNT,
JOHN PARKER,
JOSIAH A. LEE.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow A. J. Baker, of the county of Volusia, to practice medicine in said county,

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read a second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Saturne Remerez and others, inhabitants of the county of Escambia,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the rule be waived to allow him to introduce a bill to be entitled an act requiring the Judges of the Supreme Court to hold a term of said Court at Pensacola;

Which was agreed to, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to aid the citizens of this State in procuring arms and accoutrements, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Militia.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William H. Fannin,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Claims.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Erasmus M. Thompson, of Hillsborough county, to practice law in the several courts of this State,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 18th, 1861.

HON. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the Express business;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Thomas Jefferson Danford to Thomas Jefferson Cook and for other purposes; and

A bill to be entitled an act to alter the majority of women.

Very Respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the pilot laws of the port of Fernandina,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title, and on motion, referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Haddock, Blount and Love.

Mr. Scott, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bill as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. H. SCOTT, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved that the rules be waived in order that he, according to previous notice, be allowed to introduce

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Spencer T. Thomas of Hernando county;

Which was agreed to, and the bill introduced and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Williams moved that the rules be waived and he be allowto introduce

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Maria de los Dolores Justiniani and Maria Isabel Justiniani;

Which was agreed to, and the bill introduced and placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George G. Holt and Thaddeus Reece, of Wakulla county;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to make Senean Brown, wife of Henry Brown, a free dealer;

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Love, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—18.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Lee, Mays, Means, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Scott and Williams—14.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved that the rule be waived, and that a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Mobile Rail Road and Manufacturing Company be read a second and third time by its title and put upon its passage;

Which was agreed to, and said bill taken up, read a first and second time, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of

Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson aud Yates—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second and third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, Mays, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company in relation to the election of Directors,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws in force in this State,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to furnish the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia county with a seal of office,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Lee, Love, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Road Laws, &c.;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act act to incorporate the Town of Campbellton of Jackson County;

Rules waived, read a third time by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, McKinnon, Means, Murphy, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act creating liens in favor of builders, material-men, mechanics, laborers, and others;

Rules waived, read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Coffee, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—27.

Nay—Mr. Haddock—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to change and define the boundary line between the counties of Gadsden and Liberty;

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 21st, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following resolution, viz:

Resolution for the relief of B. Frisbee and M. S Murphy.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was received and read and the accompanying resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower William H. Webster, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate and to contract and be contracted with,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bowne, Broxson, Hawes, Love, Parker and Wilkinson—6.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Coffee, Cole, Dansby, Haddock,

Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Wells, Williams and Yates—20.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the Chancery practice in this State in reference to granting orders of publication, &c.,

Was read the second time and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act enlarging the time for making demands on railroad companies for stock killed and injured and for other purposes,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act declaring who shall be held and considered as orphans,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—31.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to reorganize the county of Brevard, and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act regulating Pilots and Pilotage in the port of Pensacola,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means,

Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—28.

Nay—Mr. Love—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians,

Was read the second time and the amendment proposed thereto by the Select Committee adopted, and said bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Thomas J. Danford to Thomas Jefferson Cook, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts of the Middle Circuit of Florida,

Was read a second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the compensation of Pilots at the Port of St. Marks,

Was read the first time, and referred to the same Select Committee to which a bill to be entitled an act regulating Pilots and Pilotage at the Port of Fernandina was referred.

A bill to be eutitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the Town of Marianna, approved Jan. 8th, 1853;

Rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporotions.

A bill to be entitled an act to enable Railroad Companies to obtain the right of way,

Was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring the Judges of the Supreme Court to hold a term of said Court at Pensacola;

Rule waived, read the first and second times by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to alter the majority of women,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the express business,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Maria los Dolores Justiniani and Maria Isabel Justiniana,

Was read the first and second times by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to organize the Supreme Court of this State,

Was read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Spencer T. Thomas of Hernando county;

Rules waived, read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

The following communication was received from the Comptroller:

Resolved, That the Comptroller of this State be and he is hereby requested to render statements to the General Assembly of the condition of the several Banks organized and in operation within this State under the act authorizing the same.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
Tallahassee, Jan 21st, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: I have the honor herewith to transmit to the House of Representatives a statement of the Banks in this State, in accordance with the above resolution. Respectfully,

R. C. WILLIAMS, Comptroller.

STATEMENT

By the BANK OF ST. JOHNS, *Jacksonville, Fla., January 1st*, 1861, *made in accordance with chapter* 480, *sections* 26 *and* 27 *of the Laws of Florida.*

First—Capital stock certified, am't,		$125,000 00
Second—Value of real estate,		None.
Third—Shares of stock held,		None.
Fourth—Debts owing association, am'ts specified,	$84,671 61	
	12,468 40	
		97,140 01
Fifth—Debts owing by the association, amounts specified,	46,258 29	
	6 50	
		46,264 79
Sixth—Debts not acknowledged,		None.
Seventh—Amount bound for security,		None.
Eighth—Amount of notes and circulation, and of loans and discounts, and amount of specie on hand:		
Circulation,		51,150 00
Loans and discount,		84,671 61
Specie,		15,021 24
Ninth—Amount July 1st, 1860, as specified:		
Circulation,		58,230 00
Specie,		4,951 73

Bills of other Banks,		3,401 00
Due from other Banks,		16,566 67
Loans and discounts,		88,321 77
Tenth—Amount of loss,		None.
Eleventh—Description of public securities deposited with Comptroller as security for notes issued, par value:		
Columbia county bonds, 8 per cent.,	73,550 00	
City of Jacksonville bonds, 8 per cent.,	21,450 00	
F. A. & G. C. Railroad 1st mortgage bonds, 7 per cent.,	30,000 00	
		125,000 00

Coupons paid to stockholders direct.

Signed, A. M. REED, *President.*

Signed, J. H. H. BOURS, *Cash'r.*

JACKSONVILLE, E. FLA., Jan'y 1st, 1861.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this first day of January, A. D. 1861.

Signed, I. P. BOUSE, *Notary Public.*

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, Jan'y 19th, 1861.

I do hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the original on file in the Comptroller's office.

R. C. WILLIAMS, *Compt'r.*

(COPY.)

ANNUAL STATEMENT

Of the STATE BANK OF FLORIDA, *made in conformity with Act of Legislature, viz: "An Act to authorize the Business of Banking," sections 26 and 27 of said Act.*

First—Amount of capital stock,	$300,000 00
Second—Value of real estate owned by Bank,	None.
Third—Shares of stock held as collateral,	None.
Fourth—Amount of debts due to the Bank, viz:	
From Banks—Bank of America,	2,087 75
Bank of Commerce,	6,431 75
Bank of Charleston,	163 14
Bank of Middle Georgia,	6,072 13
From notes and bills of exchange,	457,849 94
Fifth—Amount of debts owing by the Bank, viz:	
On demand—Importers and Traders Bank,	29,712 18
Depositors and others,	71,560 96
Capital stock and profits on hand,	338,175 74
Sixth—Amount of claims against the Bank not acknowledged,	None.
Seventh—Amount for which the Bank is bound as surety,	None.
Eighth—Amount of notes in circulation,	85,265 00
Amount of loans and discounts,	457,849 94
Amount of specie on hand,	29,050 90
Ninth—Amount of circulation July 1st, 1860,	86,350 00

Am't loans and discounts July 1st, 1860,	425,392 93
Am't specie July 1st, 1860,	32,481 44
Tenth—Am't of losses,	None.
Am't dividends paid since Jan'y 1, 1860,	20,000 00
Eleventh—Am't of bonds, public stocks deposited with Comptroller, viz:	
Jefferson county bonds,	60,950 00
Madison county bonds,	14,300 00
Leon county bonds,	12,600 00
Pensacola & Georgia Railroad bonds,	58,200 00
Tallahassee Railroad bonds,	76,700 00
Interest on all of above bonds paid as due.	
The estimated value of the above bonds is,	185,000 00

(E. & O. E.) Signed, WM. BAILEY, *President.*
W. R. PETTES, *Cash'r.*
TALLAHASSEE, January 1st, 1861.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19th day of January, 1861.
ANDREW J. HUDSON, *Notary Public.*

I do hereby certify that the within is a true copy from the original on file in the Comptroller's office this 19th day of January, A. D. 1861.
R. C. WILLIAMS, *Comptroller.*

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Bank of Fernandina.—*No Report.*

Which was read and 80 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that a Select Committee of one member from each sea port town and city in this State be appointed, to report a bill to this House regulating the duties and appointments of pilots, and a form of oath to be taken by pilots.

Which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Haddock moved that all bills relating to Pilotage be placed in the hands of the Committee to be appointed by the Speaker in pursuance of Mr. Holland's motion;

Which was agreed to and the reference ordered to be made.

On motion of Mr. Means, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 11 o'clock.

TUESDAY, January 22, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

On motion of Mr. Love, Mr. Holland of Hernando was excused from further attendance on the House until Wednesday, 30th inst.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the rule be waived, and he be allowed to introduce the following bills without previous notice, and that said bills be made the special order of the day:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the tax laws of this State;

Which motion was agreed to, and said bills received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Clyatt moved that the rules be waived and he be allowed to introduce without previous notice a bill to be entitled an act to locate the county site of Levy county;

Which was agreed to, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Coffee moved that the resolution for the relief of B. F. Whitner be taken up and placed first among the orders of the day, after the bills just introduced and made the special order by Mr. Holland of Franklin;

Which was agreed to, and said resolution placed among the orders of the day.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Call, McQueen and Bowers waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had concurred in the House resolution to go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts with the amendment of the 23d inst., at 12 o'clock, M., instead of the 22d inst., at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary of the House and Senate made the following report:

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the pleading and practice in the Courts of this State, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report:

That they recommend the bill be amended by striking out the fortieth section, and with this amendment that the bill be passed.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary to whom was referred the petition of his Honor, B. A. Putuam, Judge of the Circuit Court of the East Judicial Circuit of this State, soliciting the General Assembly that he be allowed pay for extra judicial services which he has performed in the Supreme Court of this State, required of him by law, which has been allowed to other Circuit Judges of this State for similar services, having had the same under consideration, instruct us to

REPORT:

That there remains no doubt of the services set out in said petition having been faithfully performed by the petitioner; that by reference to chapter 995, No. 137, of the published acts of the General Assembly of 1858–'59, it appears that $600 was allowed to his Honor, J. J. Finley, for extra services in holding Courts; and by reference to chapter 1093, No. 88, of the published acts of the General Assembly of 1859–'60, it will appear further that $400 was allowed to his Honor J. W. Baker and $400 to his Honor Thomas F. King, for extra judicial services in the Supreme Court, and as the petitioner only asks that the same ($400) be allowed to him for his said extra services, we can see no good reason why the petitioner's request should not be granted. We therefore recommend that four hundred dollars be allowed to Judge B. A. Putnam for extra judicial services in the Supreme Court performed by him, and that the same be provided for in the act which the present General Assembly shall pass, making appropriations for the expenses of the State Government for the fiscal year 1860–'61.

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which were received and read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, through Mr. Hawes, made the following report:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act in relation to the common school fund in Santa Rosa county, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the same and recommend its passage.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was received and read and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the tax laws of this State,
Was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the rules were waived and the bill read the second and third times by its title, and the House went into Committee of the Whole for its consideration, Mr. Hawes in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose and through their Chairman reported the bill back to the House as amended and recommended its passage.

The amendment proposed by the Committee of the Whole was concurred in by the House.

On motion of Mr. Love, said bill was referred to the Joint and Select Committee of the House and Senate on Finance and Public Accounts to be appointed;

Which was agreed to.

The Speaker appointed on said Joint Finance Committee on the part of the House, Messrs. Love, Mays, Blount, Pooser and Bowne.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to improve the navigation of the harbor and bay of Apalachicola;

Came up.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin the rule was waived, and the bill read the second and third times by its title, and the House went into Committee of the Whole for its consideration—Mr. Canova in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the committee rose and through their chairman reported the bill back to the House as amended, and recommended its passage.

The amendment of the Committee of the Whole was concurred in by the House.

Mr. Love moved that said bill be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for and were:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Clyatt, Coffee, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Love, Mays, Means, Price, Robinson, Wells, Williams and Yates —20.

Nays—Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Russell and Wilkinson—6.

So the motion was carried and said reference made.

The Speaker announced as the Committee on Pilotage, appointed in pursuance of a resolution adopted on yesterday, Messrs. Blount, Holland of Franklin, Canova, Haddock, Clyatt, Carter, Bowne, Howell, Bissell and Yates.

Mr. Blount moved that the rule be waived and he be allowed to make the following motion:

That the rules of this House be so amended as to authorize the Speaker to appoint a standing committee to be entitled the Com mittee of Ways and Means, and also a committee to be entitled the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Which was agreed to and said motion adopted.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin the rule was waived and he was allowed to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to aid the civil authorities of corporate towns; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the auction laws of this State.

Which bills were placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Scott, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to allow A. J. Baker of the county Volusia to practice medicine in said county;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company in relation to election of Directors;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws in force in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Maria de los Dolores Justiniani and Maria Isabel Justiniani;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Satrene Remerez, and others, inhabitants of the County of Esbambia.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SCOTT.

Which was received and read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

A resolution to pay Benjamin F. Whitner, Jr., for surveying and marking the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rules being waived, Mr. Holland of Franklin was allowed to introduce

A bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam in this State;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Blount moved that the rule be waived and that the bill to be entitled an act to amend the Pleading and Practice in the Courts in this State be now taken up;

Which was agreed to and said bill taken up and read the se-

cond time, and the amendment proposed by the Joint select Committee adopted.

Mr. Holland of Franklin offered the following amendment:

SECTION 78. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall not take effect until the first Monday of January, A. D. 1862.

Which was adopted and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Election laws in force in this State;

Was placed back upon its second reading and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the rule be waived, and that the vote on the Senate bill to be entitled at act to empower William H. Webster, a minor, to assume the management of his own estate, and contract and be contracted with be reconsidered;

Which was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Maria de los Dolores Justiniana and Maria Isabel Justiniana,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Canova, Coffee, Dansby, Hawes, Hull, Lee, Love, Mickler, Newburn, Richardson, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—14.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Campbell, Carter, Collins, Mays, Means, Parker, Pooser, Robinson, Russell and Wells—11.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Satrene Remerez and others, inhabitants of the county of Escambia,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Canova, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Hull, Love, Oliver, Price, Russell, Scott and Wilkinson—14.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Bowne, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Howell, Mays, McCormick, Means, Parker, Pooser, Robinson, Wells, Williams and Yates—16.

So the bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company in relation to election of Directors,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Hull, Love, Mays, McCor-

mick, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—33.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Parker moved that the House adjourn until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called and were:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Lee, Mays, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Richardson, Scott, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—23.

Nays—Messrs. Canova, Dansby, Haddock, Howell, Hull, Love, McCormick, Pooser, Price, Robinson, Russell and Wells—12.

So the House stood adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 23d, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

Mr. Holland of Hernando arose from his seat and announced to the House, in a few appropriate and affecting remarks, the decease of Dr. Benjamin W. Saxon, a delegate from the county of Hernando to the late State Convention, and one of the signers of the Ordinance of Secession. He spoke of the virtues of the deceased, his ardent and long devotion to the cause of Southern Independence and Southern Rights, and his connection with the public service in the States of South Carolina, of which he was a native, Alabama, and last in Florida. Though feeble in health and scarcely able to attend the daily sitting of the Convention, he was always found at his post, and it was to be feared that the love of his adopted State and desire to serve her may have carried him beyond the bounds of prudence and contributed to bring on his much to be lamented and untimely end.

Mr. Holland, on the conclusion of his remarks, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in respect to the memory of the late Dr. Saxon, a delegate to the State Convention from the county of Hernando, and one of the signers of the Ordinance of Secession, who departed this life in this City, on yesterday at 4 o'clock, P. M., that this House do now adjourn to meet again in this Hall at half-past three o'clock, when they will attend the burial obsequies of the

deceased in a body; and that the members of this House wear a badge of mourning for thirty days;

Which was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the business of the House was adjournep until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 24, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Hernando, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

Mr. Campbell moved the reconsideration of the vote upon a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Satrene Remerez and others, inhabitants of Escambia, taken in this House on Tuesday, the 22d inst.;

Which was agreed to, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Wilkinson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to clean out and improve the navigation of Yellow river, in West Florida.

The Speaker announced the following additional Standing Committees:

Committee on Ways and Means—Messrs. Blount, Russell, Bowne, Mays and Means.

Committee on Foreign Relations—Messrs. Pooser, Canova, Bird, Cole and Lee.

Mr. Love, in pursuance of previous notice, introduced a bill to be entitled an act to amend attachment laws now in force in this State;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Canova offered the following resolution:

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That his Excellency the Governor be and he is hereby solicited to transmit to both Houses of the General Assembly any statement or return of the Bank of Fernandina which may be on file in his Department, as prescribed by the act incorporating said Bank, approved January 15, 1859.

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Claims, through Mr. Hawes, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of S. C. Bolling, administrator of the estate of R. A. Childs, deceased, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to

REPORT:

That evidence having been laid before the Committee to show that the said S. C. Bolling paid the taxes upon certain property belonging to the estate of R. A. Childs, deceased, through ignorance of the fact that the deceased had already paid the taxes upon the said property previous to his death, your Committee deem it an act of justice to refund the money thus erroneously paid into the Treasury, and therefore recommend that the bill do pass.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Also the following:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William H. Fannin, having duly considered the same, ask leave to report:

That the object of the bill is simply to authorize the issue of a duplicate of scrip that has been lost, and there being ample provision in the bill to guard the State from loss, the Committee respectfully recommend the passage of the bill.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

The Special Committee reported the following:

The Special Committee to whom was referred a petition from the citizens of Hillsboro and Manitee counties, relative to protection of the fisheries on the coast of this State, beg leave respectfully to report the accompanying bill, and recommend the passage of the same.

JOHN PARKER, Chairman.
JOSEPH HOWELL,
A. A. CANOVA,
JAS. L. ROBINSON.

Which was received and read and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

The rules being waived, Mr. Holland of Hernando presented a petition from Spencer T. Thomas of Hernando county;

Which was received and read, and on motion referred to Committee on Claims.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow A. J. Baker, of the county of Volusia, to practice medicine in said county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Stewart, Wilkinson and Yates—30.

Nays—Messrs. Haddock, Hull, Robinson and Wells—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to charter the Southern Export and Import Company,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Love, Mays, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Scott and Wilkinson—28.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Bowne, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee and Yates—7.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Stewart, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bill as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Pleading and Practice in the Courts of this State.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN Q. STEWART, Chairman.

Which was read.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Pleading and Practice of the Courts in this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—33.

Nay—Mr. Hull—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Call, Rogers and Davidson, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had just adopted a resolution to go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller this day at 12 o'clock, M., and requested the concurrence of the House therein.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Satrene Remerez and other inhabitants of Escambia county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Dansby, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McKinnon, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Price, Russell, Scott, Wilkinson and Yates—21.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Haddock, Mays, Means, Pooser, Robinson, Wells and Williams—11.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of the State Convention respecting the ordinances of said Convention:

HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
Tallahassee, January 23, 1861.

HON. JOHN. B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: I herewith, by direction of the Convention, transmit to your body certain ordinances and resolutions adopted at its late session, viz:

An Ordinance respecting Duties and Collectors;

An Ordinance continuing certain offices;

An Ordinance abolishing certain offices;

An Ordinance creating a Court of Admiralty at Key West;

An Ordinance giving the General Assembly power to abolish offices in certain cases;

An Ordinance respecting Courts;

An Ordinance amending the 11th section of the 6th article of the Constitution;

An Ordinance amending the 7th article of the Constitution of this State, entitled "Militia;"

An Ordinance providing for the organization of the Army of Florida;

An Ordinance construing certain clauses of the Constitution;

An Ordinance extending the Jurisdiction of the State of Florida over Forts, Arsenals, &c.;

An Ordinance for the relief of certain persons of Calhoun and Franklin counties;

An Ordinance conferring certain powers on the General Assembly;

An Ordinance to remove certain disabilities under the 5th section of the 6th article of the Constitution;

An Ordinance repealing the 3d and 8th sections of the 6th article of the Constitution;

An Ordinance adopting certain laws of the United States;

An Ordinance authorizing the Governor to appoint W. H. Chase a Major General;

An Ordinance respecting postal arrangements;

An Ordinance to amend the 2d section of the 3d article of the Constitution;

An Ordinance authorizing the Governor to accept the services of certain persons, &c.

A Resolution instructing the Delegates to the Southern Convention;

A Resolution empowering S. R. Mallory, D. L. Yulee and Geo. S. Hawkins to act for the State as Commissioners, &c.; and

A Resolution vesting certain powers in the Legislature.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM S. HARRIS,

Secretary of the Convention.

Which was read.

The rules being waived the Joint Committee of the Judiciary of the House and Senate made the following report:

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to organize the Supreme Court of this State have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to

REPORT:

That they do not regard the changes contemplated in the present law by the provisions of the bill as calculated to advance the public interest, and therefore recommend that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,

Chairman House Committee.

GEO. W. CALL,

Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to change the Chancery Practice in

this State, in reference to granting orders of publication, &c., have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to Report:

That they regard the provisions of the bill salutary in their character, and therefore recommend its passage by the House.

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee,
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which were received and read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts of the Middle Circuit of Florida have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to

REPORT:

That they regard the provisions of the bill calculated to advance the interests of a portion of the Circuit without detriment to those of another, and therefore reccommend that the bill do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was received and read, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

The rule being waived, Mr. Bird, from the Committee on Elections, made the following report:

The Committee on Elections to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws in force in this State beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend amendment of said bill by adding the following additional sections. With these amendments your Committee recommend the passage of said bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
P. B. BIRD, Chairman.

Sec. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That all officers to be elected, together with the names of the individuals to be voted for shall

be endorsed upon the same piece of paper and deposited by the inspectors in a general box to be kept for that purpose.

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the ballots shall be kept by the inspectors and returned to the Judge of Probate, as now required by law.

Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That said ballots shall in no case be subject to the inspection of any person, unless in the case of contested elections, and then only by the party or parties contestant and that in the presence and under the supervision of the Judge of Probate or Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Coffee moved that the House concur in the Senate resolution to go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller at 12 o'clock, M;

The rules not being waived said motion was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Erasmus M. Thompson, of Hillsborough county, to practice law in the several courts of this State,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rules being waived Mr. Williams offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this House refuse to go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts at this Session of the General Assembly;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Means, Mickler, Oliver, Parker, Richardson, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Love, Mays, McCormick, McKinnon, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Robinson, Russell, Scott and Wells—21.

So the resolution was lost.

Mr. Love moved that the rule be waived, and a bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the Middle Judicial Circuit of Florida, be taken up, out of its regular order;

Which motion was agreed to, and said bill was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to alter the majority of women,

Was read the second time;

Upon motion of Mr. Coffee, the House went into Committee of the Whole on said bill—Mr. Haddock in the chair. After some time spent therein the Committee rose, and through their

Chairman reported said bill back to the House, and recommended that it do not pass.

On motion of Mr. Mays said bill was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George G. Holt and Thaddeus Reece, of Wakulla county,

Was read a second time, and on motion referred to the Committee on Claims.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow William J. J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zipperer to establish a toll bridge across the Suwannee and Allapaha rivers,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mays, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—30.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to change and define the boundary line between the counties of Gadsden and Liberty,

Was read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the county of Polk from the counties of Hillsborough and Brevard,

Was read a second time, and the amendments proposed thereto by the Select Committee adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holland of Hernando offered the following resolution:

Resolved by this House, That, the Senate concuring, we do go into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller this evening at 4 o'clock;

Which was adopted, and on motion, Messrs. Holland of Hernando, Hawes and Cavova, were appointed a Committee to convey the same to the Senate and inform them of its adoption, and request their concurrence.

The committee returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize a new county to be called Baker county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the admission of Attorneys and Counsellors at Law to Practice in the several Courts of the State of Florida,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rule being waived, Mr. Love offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Ordinances passed by the Convention, be printed for the use of the House;

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Clinton Thigpin,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Big Spring Creek, in Jackson county, to Spring river,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate an Insurance Company in the city of Apalachicola, to be called the Florida Home Insurance Company,

Rule waived, read the first and second times by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the Express business,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize William J. Tucker to assume the management of his own estate,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Thomas J. Danford to Thomas Jefferson Cook, and for other purposes,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Nepcy Williams to that of Nepcy Cheshire,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of Probate and County Commissioners of New River county to draw and select the Grand Jurors from such persons as are qualified to serve as Jurors,

Was read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to aid the civil authorities in corporate towns,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act in relation to the Common School Fund of Santa Rosa county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Cavova, Campbell, Carter, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Means, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, Stewart, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—22.

Nays—Messrs. Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Holland of Hernando, Mays, Oliver and Williams—7.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Parker, the House took a recess until half-past three o'clock, P. M.

HALF-PAST THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

A bill to be entitled an act to declare Peas Creek a navigable stream,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McKinnon, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Scott, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as state.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act respecting the sale of wines and spiritous liquors to slaves or free persons of color, in the city of Apalachicola,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Coporations.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Auction laws in this State,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to locate the county site of Levy county,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam in this State,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 24th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has concurred in the House resolution in regard to going into the election of Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts this evening at 4 o'clock.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PAKKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Love moved that the rule be waived, and Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others be taken up and made the special order of the House;

Which was agreed to, and said bill taken up and read the second time.

Mr. Love offered the following amendment to said bill:

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That whenever any account, contemplated by the first section of this act, shall be presented to the Comptroller, before said account shall be audited and allowed by him, he shall require the party presenting said account to make affidavit that the charges made for services performed were actually rendered, or the materials charged for actually furnished, and the prices charged are reasonable and just.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That, in addition to the affidavit of said party, he shall also produce the certificate of the commanding officer or officers, by whose order the materials were furnished, or supplies procured, that the services were actually performed or materials furnished, at the times and places specified in said account, and that the prices charged therefor are reasonable and proper.

Which was adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the Chancery Practice in this State, in reference to granting orders of publication, &c.;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of T. C. Bolling, Administrator of R. A. Child, deceased;

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Call, Davidson and Bowers, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had concurred in the House resolution to go in-

to the election of Attorney General and Comptroller at 4 o'clock, P. M.

On motion, Messrs. Holland of Hernando, Richardson and Hawes were appointed a committee to inform the Senate that the House was now ready to proceed to the election of Attorney General and Comptroller, who returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

The Senate entered the House, and the President by request of the Speaker took the Chair.

The President declared the object of the joint meeting to be, to elect an Attorney General and Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The joint meeting proceeded to the election of Attorney General.

Mr. Holland of Hernando nominated Mr. John B. Galbraith, of Leon county.

Mr. Pooser nominated Mr. T. T. Long, of Nassau county.

The vote was:

For Galbraith—Senate 7. House—Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Richardson, Scott, Wells, Williams and Yates—21. Total 28.

For Long—Senate 7. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Robinson, Russell, Stewart and Wilkinson—17. Total 24.

Blank—Senate 2. House—Mr. Coffee—1. Total 3.

The President decided that there was no election, neither of the candidates having received the requisite number of votes.

The joint meeting proceeded to a second ballot.

The vote was:

For Galbraith—Senate 7. House—Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Oliver, Parker, Richardson, Scott, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—25. Total 32.

For Long—Senate 3. House—Messrs. Dansby, Mays, Robinson and Stewart—4. Total 7.

Blank—Senate 7. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Haddock, Hull, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price and Rassell—10. Total 17.

The President decided that there was no election, neither of the candidates having received the requisite number of votes.

Nominations being still in order,

Mr. Russell nominated Mr. M. D. Papy of Leon county.

Mr. Walker nominated Mr. D. P. Hogue of Leon county.

Mr. McCall nominated Mr. W. G. M. Davis of Leon county.

The joint meeting proceeded to a third ballot.

The vote was:

For Galbraith—Senate 7. House—Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, McCormick, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Oliver, Parker, Price, Richardson, Scott, Stewart, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—30. Total 37.

For Long—Senate 2. House—Messrs. Mays and Pooser—2. Total 4.

For Papy—Senate 6. House—Mr. Russell—1. Total 7.

For Davis—Senate 2. Total 2.

Blank—Senate none. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Hull, Newburn and Robinson—6.

The President then decided that Mr. John B. Galbraith, having received the requisite and constitutional majority of votes, was duly elected Attorney General of the State of Florida for the term of four years from the 25th of July, A. D. 1861.

The joint meeting then proceeded to the election of Comptroller of Public Accounts.

Mr. Bowne nominated Mr. Robert C. Williams of Leon county.

Mr. Finlayson nominated Mr. William Scott of Jefferson county.

Mr. McCall nominated Mr. Lewis E. Pyles of Alachua county.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 6. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Robinson, Scott, Wells, Williams and Yates—21. Total 27.

For Pyles—Senate 9. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Stewart and Wilkinson—17. Total 26.

For Scott—Senate 1. House—Messrs. Bird and Russell—2. Total 3.

Blank—Senate 2. Total 2.

The President decided that there was no election, neither of the candidates having received the requisite number of votes.

The joint meeting proceeded to a second ballot.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 6. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Scott, Wells, Williams and Yates—19. Total—25.

For Pyles—Senate 7. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Coffee, Col-

lins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Stewart and Wilkinson—18. Total—25.

For Scott—Senate 3. House—Messrs. Bird and Russell—2. Total—5.

Blank—Senate 2. House none.

There being no election the joint meeting proceeded to a third ballot.

Nominations being still in order,

Mr. Bowers nominated Mr. E. L. T. Blake of Leon county.

Mr. Campbell nominated Mr. J. D. Westcott, jr., of Leon county.

Mr. Baldwin nominated Mr. John Beard of Leon county.

Mr. Walker nominated Mr. Lucien S. Duval of Leon county.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 4. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Scott, Wells, Williams and Yates—18. Total 22.

For Pyles—Senate 6. House—Messrs, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson and Wilkinson—16. Total 22.

For Scott—Senate 2. House—Messrs. Bird, Love and Russell—3. Total 5.

For Blake—Senate 1. Total 1.

For Westcott—Senate none. House—Messrs. Campbell and Hawes—2. Total 2.

For Beard—Senate 1. Total 1.

For Duval—Senate 3. Total 3.

Blank—Senate 1. Total 1.

There being no election the joint meeting proceeded to a fourth ballot.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 6. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Scott, Wells, Williams and Yates—18. Total 24.

For Pyles—Senate 7. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Stewart and Wilkinson—19. Total 26.

For Scott—Senate 1. House—Messrs. Bird and Russell—2. Total 3.

For Westcott—Senate 1. House—Mr. Campbell—1. Total 2.

Blank—Senate 3. Total 3.

There being no election the joint meeting proceeded to a fifth ballot.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 6. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Scott, Wells, Williams and Yates—19. Total 25.

For Pyles—Senate 7. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Stewart and Wilkinson—18. Total 25.

For Scott—Senate 3.—House—Messrs. Bird and Russell—2. Total 5.

For Westcott—House—Mr. Campbell—1. Total 1.

Blank—Senate 1. Total 1.

There being no election, the Joint meeting proceeded to a sixth ballot.

Nominations being still in order, Mr. Love nominated Mr. Bolling Baker of Leon county.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 6. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Canova, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Scott, Wells, Williams and Yates—17. Total—23.

For Pyles—Senate 9. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson and Stewart—17. Total—26.

For Scott—Senate 1. House—Messrs. Bird and Russell—2. Total 3.

For Baker—House—Messrs. Love and Wilkinson—2.

For Westcott—House—Mr. Campbell—1.

For Blank—Senate—1. House—Mr. Broxson—1. Total—2.

There being no election, the joint meeting proceeded to a seventh ballot.

The names of Messrs. Blake, Westcott and Beard were withdrawn.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 5. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Scott, Wells, Williams and Yates—18. Total 23.

For Pyles—Senate 6. House—Messrs. Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Stewart and Wilkinson—19. Total 25.

For Scott—Senate 1. House—Messrs. Bird and Russell—2. Total 3.

For Baker—Senate 5. House—Mr. Love—1. Total 6.

There being no election, the joint meeting proceeded to the 8th ballot.

The name of Mr. Scott was withdrawn.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 5. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Scott, Wells, Williams and Yates—19. Total 24.

For Pyles—Senate 7. House—Messrs. Bird, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell, Stewart and Wilkinson—20. Total 27.

For Scott—Senate 1. Total 1.

For Baker—Senate 4. House—Mr. Love—1. Total 5.

There being no election, the joint meeting proceeded to the 9th ballot.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 7. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Scott, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—20. Total 27.

For Pyles—Senate 7. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Robinson, Russell and Stewart—18. Total 25.

For Baker—Senate 2. House—Messrs. Bird and Love—2. Total 4.

There being no election, the joint meeting proceeded to a tenth ballot.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 7. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Robinson, Scott, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—21. Total 28.

For Pyles—Senate 8. House—Messrs. Bird, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell and Stewart—18. Total 26.

For Baker—Senate 1.

There being no election the joint meeting proceeded to an eleventh ballot.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 7. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Robinson, Scott, Wells, Williams and Yates—21. Total 28.

For Pyles—Senate 8. House—Messrs. Bird, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Stewart and Wilkinson—19. Total 27.

There being no election, the joint meeting proceeded to the 12th ballot.

The vote was:

For Williams—Senate 7. House—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Robinson, Scott, Wells, Williams and Yates—22. Total 29.

For Pyles—Senate 8. House—Messrs. Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Stewart and Wilkinson—18. Total 26.

There still being no election, the President deciding that neither of the candidates had received the requisite number of votes.

On motion the joint assembly then adjourned.

On motion the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, a 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, January 25th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Means, the reading of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with.

The following bills were introduced in pursuance of previous notice, viz:

By Mr. Wilkinson:

A bill to be entitled an act to clean out and improve the navigation of Yellow river, in West Florida.

By Mr. Howell:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. Sam'l B. Todd.

By Mr. Hull:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William G. Parker.

Which bills were received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Mays moved that the rules be waived and he be allowed to introduce without previous notice a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Treasury and of the creditors of the State;

Which was agreed to, and said bill received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Mays moved that A. B. Campbell, Door-keeper of the House of Representatives, be granted leave of absence after to-day until Monday next, 12 o'clock;

Which was agreed to and said leave of absence granted.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved that Mr. J. L. Robinson of Jackson county be granted leave of absence for ten days;

Which was agreed to and said leave of absence granted.

Mr. Holland of Hernando, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom reference of a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Saving and Building Association was made, have had the same under consideration and beg to return the same to the House without amendment and recommend its passage.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 22, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning replevin;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James C. McArthur, former Sheriff of Santa Rosa county;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Martha Anne Barnes to that of Mary Harriet McClelland;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate LaVilla Institute near Jacksonville, Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of George R. Clotfelter to George Washington Rosemon;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the time for holding the Circuit Courts for the Western Judicial Circuit;

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal so much of the act, approved January 7th, 1859, as consolidates the offices of Tax Assessor and Collector and Sheriff of Wakulla county;

A bill to be entitled an act restoring Josiah Bird of Hamilton county to the right of suffrage, and other purposes;

Resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis of Alachua county.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was and the accompanying bills and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 24th, 1861.

HON. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to facilitate Criminal Proceedings;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State.

House resolution in regard to Finance was lost.

Very Respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Haddock moved that the rule be waived and he be allowed to introduce the following bills:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from penning or detaining stock without the consent of the owner, in Nassau county;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws of Nassau county; also,

Which was agreed to. and said bills received and placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Indian Affairs, through Mr. Bissell, made the following report:

The Committee on Indian Affairs beg leave respectfully to

REPORT:

That they have made diligent enquiry into the existing relations with the remaining Indians in Florida, and present to the House the following statement of facts. They find that the Indians in number variously estimated at from one to two hundred men, besides women and children, reside mostly in the interior portions of the counties of Dade and Monroe. They occupy a section of country the most worthless for cultivation and the most inaccessible of any on the peninsula of Florida.

They are in the habit of frequent friendly visits to the settlements of Miami and Fort Myers for the purposes of trade.

Their demeanor thus far is quiet and peaceable, but they manifest a fixed determination to live and die in the country.

The inhabitants of that section of country have ceased their apprehensions in regard to them, and your Committee cannot but be of the opinion that good policy at this time requires that these Indians should be kept quiet and undisturbed as long as possible, and for that purpose they would recommend that an agent should be appointed by the Governor to confer with them as to their wants and grievances, and to arrange with them the terms and boundaries of a reservation, to be set apart for their use; and they would further recommend that the present prohibitory laws upon Indian intercourse be repealed, except so far as relates to the sale of ammunition and ardent spirits.

THEODORE BISSELL, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bill accompanying the same placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William H. Fanin,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate fishing on the coast of the State of Florida,

Was read the first time, and on motion was read the second time by its title, and 80 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Clinton Thigpin,

Was read the second time by its title, and on motion referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Treasury and of the creditors of the State,

Was read the first and second time by its title, and on motion was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to facilitate the Express business,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Love, Mays, McKinnon, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—30.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Thomas J. Pansford to Thomas Jefferson Cook, and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Haddock, Hawes, Hull, Newburn, Parker, Price, Stewart and Wilkinson—8.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, Mays, McKinnon, Means, Oliver, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Wells, Williams and Yates—22.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Nepsey Williams to Nepsey Cheshire,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Carter, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Means, Newburn, Price, Scott, Stewart and Wilkinson—19.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Mays, McKinnon, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Wells, Williams and Yates—15.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam in this State,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Means, was referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Means, Canova and Blount.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the auction laws of this State,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to locate the county site of Levy county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws now in force in this State,

Was, the rule being waived, read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to make the office of Constable elective, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time and, on motion, rules waived, read the second time by its title and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Stewart, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to permit Erasmus Thompson of Hillsborough county to practice law in the several Courts of this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Road Laws in the county of Leon;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of Probate and County Commissioners of New River county to draw and select Grand Jurors;

A bill to be entitled an act to change and define the boundary line between the counties of Gadsden and Liberty;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the chancery practice in this State in reference to granting orders of publication;

Resolution to pay Benjamin F. Whitner, Jr., for surveying and marking the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida;

An act to change the name of Big Spring Creek in Jackson county to Spring river;

An act to authorize William J. Tucker to assume the management of his own estate;

A bill to be entitled an act to aid the civil authorities of co-r porate towns;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts of the Middle Circuit of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN Q. STEWART, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Love moved that the rules be waived and a bill to be entitled an act to change the chancery practice in this State in reference to granting orders of publication, &c., be taken up out of its regular order and placed back upon its second reading and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Which was agreed to, and said reference ordered to be made.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved that the rule be waived, and that a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians be now taken up out of its regular order;

Which was agreed to, and said bill taken up, placed back upon its second reading and referred to a Select Committee.

Resolution to pay Benjamin F. Whitner, jr., for surveying and marking the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida,

Was read the third time, and on motion of Mr. Mays, placed back upon its second reading.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Big Spring Creek in Jackson county to Spring River,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Col lins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mays, McKinnon, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize William J. Tucker to assume the mangement of his own estate,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Canova, Campbell, Cole, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Newburn, Price and Wilkinson—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Blount, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Lee, Love, Mays, McKinnon, Means, Oliver, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Wells and Williams—18.

So the bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act to aid the civil authorities of corporate Towns,

Was read the third time, and on motion of Mr. Means, was placed back on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the times of holding the Circuit Courts of the Middle Circuit of Florida,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McKinnon, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—30.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Love, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Love, Russell and McKinnon were appointed to convey said bill to the Senate.

Who after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty, and were discharged.

A bill to be entitled an act to permit Erasmus M. Thompson of Hillsborough to practice law in the several Courts of this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, McKinnon, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, Stewart, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—Messrs. Coffee, Mays, Russell, Wells and Williams—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws in the county of Leon,

Was read the third time, and on motion of Mr. Oliver placed back on its second reading and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Judge of Probate and County Commissioners of New River county to draw and select Grand Jurors,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Broxson, Carter, Cole, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Lee, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Wells and Yates—14.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Coffee, Dansby, Mays, McKinnon, Means, Russell, Scott, Williams and Wilkinson—12.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to change and define the boundary line between the counties of Gadsden and Liberty,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Canova, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Scott, Stewart and Wells—13.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Hawes, Mays, Means, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Williams and Yates—14.

So the bill was lost.

Mr. Bird moved that the House adjourned until half-past three o'clock;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Dansby, Hull, Lee, Love, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Wells and Yates—16.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Mays, Means, Richardson and Williams—13.

So the motion was carried, and the House took a recess until half-past three o'clock, P. M.

3½ O'CLOCK P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

Mr. Love moved that the rules be waived and he be allowed, without previous notice, to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to enlarge and define the powers and practice of Courts of Equity in granting and dissolving injunctions and other summary process;

Which was agreed to and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Coffee moved that the rule be waived and the resolution for the relief of Benj. F. Whitner for surveying and marking the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida be placed back upon its second reading, and that the same be now taken up and he be allowed to offer a bill as a substitute therefor;

Which was agreed to and said substitute placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge and define the powers and practice of Courts of Equity in granting and dissolving injunctions and other summary process,

Was, rule being waived, read the first and second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws in force in this State,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—25.

Nay—Mr. Hawes—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Martha Anne Barnes to Mary Harriet McClelland,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis of Alachua county,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning replevin,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James C. McArthur, former Sheriff of Santa Rosa county,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of George R. Clotfelter to George Washington Rosemon,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to repeal so much of the act approved Jan. 7th, 1859, as consolidates the offices of Tax Assessor and Collector and Sheriff of Wakulla county,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. Samuel B. Todd,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from penning or detaining stock without the consent of owners, in Nassau county,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporte the LaVilla Institute near Jacksonville, Florida,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Building and Saving Association,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rules being waived, a select Committee made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians, beg leave to report the bill back to the House, and with the following amendments recommend its passage:

Strike out the entire fifth section of the bill and instead thereof insert the following amendment:

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That the person or persons applying for the benefit of this act shall make affidavit before the Judge of Probate of the county in which he or they may reside that he or they has or have actually rendered the service of the kind and for the time specified, or that he or they has or have actually furnished the provisions, &c., for which he or they claim remuneration, which shall also be sworn to by three disinterested members of the company to which the claimants belonged, or for which the supplies were furnished or services rendered, and the claimant or claimants shall also make affidavit that he or they has or have never been paid for said services, &c., either by the late United States of America or by the State of Florida; after which the Judge of Probate shall certify that he has reason to believe that the persons making the affidavit aforesaid are the persons they represent themselves to be, and that he believes them to be men of veracity, and shall affix his proper seal of office to the same; upon the production of which certificate by the person so entitled or his agent or attorney, the Comptroller shall issue his warrant as aforesaid.

A. C. BLOUNT, Chairman.
JOHN PARKER,
JOSIAH A. LEE.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws of Nassau county,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians,

Was read the second time, and the amendment proposed by the Select Committee adopted, and said bill, with amendment, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal in part the laws prohibiting intercourse with the Indians,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act restoring Isaiah Bird of Hamilton county to the right of suffrage and other privileges,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the times for holding the Circuit Courts for the Western Judical Circuit,

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. Samuel B. Todd,

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate,

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State,

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to clean out and improve the navigation of Yellow river, in West Florida,

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to facilitate criminal proceedings,

Was read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill for the relief of Wm. G. Parker, Sheriff of Suwannee county,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, January 26th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The following bill was introduced without previous notice, viz:

By Mr. VanZant:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Blunt Ferry Railroad Company;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bill at some future day, viz:

By Mr. Haddock:

A bill to be entitled an act to so amend the Constitution as to remove the Capitol of the State of Florida from Tallahassee to Lake City.

Mr. Oliver moved that leave of absence be granted J. P. Carter, member from Wakulla county, during the day;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Coffee moved that a Standing Committee on Public Lands be raised;

Which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Broxson the rule was waived and he was allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Elizabeth Lorett;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

In pursuance of previous notice, Mr. Hull introduced a bill to be entitled an act to empower Lewis Clark to assume the management of his own estate;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, through Mr. Pooser, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, having a bill before them for the relief of William G. Parker, Sheriff of Suwannee county, charged on the Comptroller's books with the sum of three hundred and eighty-eight dollars and thirty cents, for fines and costs in the case of William Cason, who was tried at the Circuit Court in Suwannee county and sent to the Jail of Columbia county, we, the committee as above stated, having all the evidences of the case before us and finding that agreeably to the decision of the Court, as above alluded to, the aforesaid William G. Parker did comply with the recquisition thereof, and did deliver the said William Cason to the Sheriff of Columbia county as the law required him to do, we therefore recommend that the bill do pass.

J. H. POOSER, Chairman.

Which was received and read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Ways and Means, through Mr. Blount, made the following report:

The Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Treasury and Creditors of the State, have had the same under consideration and ask

leave to report the accompanying bill as a substitute therefor, and recommend the passage of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. C. BLOUNT, Chairman.

Which was recieved and read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Canova, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola, ask leave respectfully to report the same back to the House, and recommend that the entire of sections three and four be stricken out, and that, being so amended, recommend the passage of the bill.

A. A. CANOVA, Chairman.

Which was received and read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom a reference was made of a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Road Laws, &c., beg leave to report the same back to the House with the following amendments, and recommend its passage:

Strike out the word "ten," in the fourteenth line and insert the word "two," and after the word dollars, in the same line, insert "per day for each and every hand subject to road duty for as many days as the law requires them to work;" also to strike out the word "county," in the seventeenth line and insert the word "counties;" also to insert after the word "Leon" the words "and Gadsden."

A. A. CANOVA, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Blount, from the Select Committee on Pilotage, made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to regulate the compensation of Pilots at the port of Saint Marks, and also a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Pilot laws for the port of Fernandina, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT:

That the provisions of the bill to be entitled an act to regulate the compensation of Pilots at the port of Saint Marks are, in the opinion of the Committee, just and necessary. They therefore recommend that the said bill do pass.

The Committee recommend the following amendments to the bill entitled an act to amend the Pilot laws for the port of Fernandina, to-wit:

From the 6th and 7th lines of the 3rd section, strike out the words "the sum of five hundred dollars" and insert the words "double pilotage."

From the 4th line of the 8th section strike out the word "ten" and insert the word "one."

With these amendments the Committee recommend that the bill do pass.

The Committee were further instructed to report a general Pilot law for the State. This is a subject environed with so much difficulty, owing to the peculiar nature of our sea coast and the obstacles to navigation at the entrance of some of our ports, which do not occur at others, that the committee believe that no general law can be framed which would meet the merits of each case and in which equal and substantial justice can be meted to all. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALEX. C. BLOUNT,
JAMES P. CARTER,
A. A. CANOVA,
JOSEPH HOWELL,
NEEDHAM YATES,
THEO. BISSELL,
G. L. BOWNE,
JOHN H. HADDOCK,
THOS. M. CLYATT.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal in part the laws prohibiting intercourse with the Indians,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Walton county relative to the School Fund,

Was read a third time, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Lee, McKinnon, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker,

Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—29.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, Jan. 25th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I herewith enclose a statement of the condition of the Bank of Fernandina on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1861, made by the Cashier thereof; a press of busines prevented my submitting it to the General Assembly at an earlier date.

Very respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

STATEMENT OF THE BANK OF FERNANDINA.

January 1st, 1861.

Liabilities—Capital Stock paid in,		$95,540 00		
Circulation,		33,100 00		
Due to other Banks,		39 76		
Profits,		3,359 22		
Due to Depositors,		16,388 57		—148,427 55
Assets—Specie bills of specie paying Banks and deposits in specie paying Banks,	$31,842 79			
Due by other Banks,	352 06			
Bills of other Banks,	1,226 22			
Bills receivable,	109,462 02			
Due from Individuals,	3,934 34			
Suspence account,	1,610 12			—148,427 55

A. H. COLE, *President.*

JOHN HODGES, *Cashier.*

Which was read, and 80 copies thereof ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Means, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam in this State, ask leave to

REPORT:

That they have had the same under consideration and recommend that the second section of said bill be amended by striking out all after the word "his," in the 6th line of said section, and

inserting thereafter "good moral character and qualifications for said office, signed and properly authenticated by said Board of Local Inspectors, or by the supervising inspectors of the late government of the United States," and also that a section be inserted, numbered

SECTION 4. *Be it further enacted*, That for the inspection of every vessel as aforesaid, said inspectors shall receive the sum of fifteen dollars, and for the issuing of every certificate of examination, or for the examination of every applicant for the office of engineer as aforesaid, said inspectors shall demand and receive as pay the sum of ten dollars.

With these amendments the committee recommend that the bill do pass.

G. W. MEANS,
A. A. CANOVA,
A. C. BLOUNT.

Which was read and the bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hawes, from the Committee on Claims, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George G. Holt and Thaddeus Rees, of Wakulla county, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to

REPORT:

That the bill is to authorize the issue of duplicate warrants for originals lost. The Committee respectfully recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendment:

Strike out the last word "same" and insert the words "said duplicates and not to pay the originals."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read and the bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lavilla Institute, near Jacksonville, Florida,

Was read the second time, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws of Nassau county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from pening and detaining stock without the consent of owners in Nassau county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Bank of Alachua, located at Fernandina,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of George R. Clotfelter to George Washington Rosemon,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal so much of the act approved Jan'y 7th, 1859, as consolidates the offices of Tax Assessor and Collector and Sheriff of Wakulla county,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James C. McArthur, former Sheriff of Santa Rosa county,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

Resolution for the relief of Geo. B. Ellis, of Alachua county,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning replevin,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates —28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Stewart, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bill as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Gen. William E. Anderson and others.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN Q. STEWART, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Dansby, Holland of

Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Martha Ann Barnes to that of Mary Harriet McClelland,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to clean out and improve the navigation of the Yellow river, in West Florida,

Was, the rules being waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to restore Isaiah Bird of Hamilton county to the right of suffrage, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second and third times by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Williams and Wilkinson—25.

Nays—Messrs. Mays, Parker, and Yates—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to facilitate criminal proceedings,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mays, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Russell, Williams and Wilkinson—20.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Bowne, Canova, Love, Oliver, Price, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Wells and Yates—12.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Love, a Committee of three was appointed consisting of Messrs. Love, Russell and Dansby, to convey a bill to the Senate just passed by the House, entitled an act for the relies of Gen. William E. Anderson and others, and request the concurrence of the Senate in the House amendment thereto;

Which Committee after a short absence returned and reported that they had performed that duty and were discharged.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State,

Was read the second, and 80 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. Samuel B. Todd,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Claims.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the times of holding the Circuit Court of the Western Judicial Circuit,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Broxson, referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. McKinnon, Broxson, Pooser and Wells.

Mr. Stewart, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to locate the county site of Levy county;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Building and Saving Association;

A bill to be entitled an act to organize Baker county; and

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of T. C. Bolling, administrator of R. A. Childs, deceased.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN Q. STEWART, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Blunt Ferry Railroad Company;

Rule waived, read the first and second times by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Williams the rule was waived and Mr. Bird of Jefferson was granted leave of absence until Tuesday, the 29th.

A bill to be entitled an act to locate the County Site of Levy county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—30.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Saving and Building Association,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Blount, Bowne, Cavova, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Hull, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—21.

Nays—Messrs. Bissell, Haddock, Howell, Lee, Love, Mays and McKinnon—7.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

The rules being waived, Mr. Bird moved that Mr. Coffee of Madison be excused from attendance on the House until Tuesday the 29th instant;

Which was agreed to.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize Baker county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Stewart, VanZant, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—23.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Love, Mays, Scott and Williams—8.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Hawes the rule was waived and Mr. Love was excused from attendance on the House until Monday next, at 12 o'clock.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of T. C. Bolling, Administrator of R. A. Child, deceased,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McKinnon, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Wells and Wilkinson—29.

Nay—Mr. Campbell—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Stewart, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

Resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN Q. STEWART, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Russell moved that the rule be waived and he be allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Monticello of Jefferson county, according to previous notice;

Which was agreed to and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Bowne, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, Stewart, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—23.

Nays—Messrs. Hull, Mays, Russell and Wells—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Mr. Holland moved that a Committee be appointed to convey said bill to the Senate and inform that body of its passage and request their concurrence therein.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Holland of Hernando, Williams and Stewart said Committee.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Finlayson and Bowers, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had passed the House bill to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts of the Middle Circuit of Florida as amended and requested the concurrence of the House in said amendments.

Mr. Bird moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock, Monday morning;

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for, were:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Campbell, Coffee,

Collins, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Love, Mays, Scott, Stewart, VanZant and Wilkinson—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Dansby, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Wells and Yates—15.

So the House adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, January 28th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the reading of the journal of Saturday's proceedings was dispensed with.

Mr. Wilkinson gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of physicians who are summoned to attend Coroner's juries, approved January 11th, 1855.

Mr. Blount moved that the rules be waived and he be allowed to introduce a bill, without previous notice, entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library;

Which was agreed to and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hawes, from the Committee on Claims, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Spencer T. Thomas, have carefully examined the same and beg leave to

REPORT:

That the bill is intended to pay the said Spencer T. Thomas a sum of money out of the treasury for labor and materials furnished for the construction of certain buildings belonging to the "Seminary east of the Suwannee," at Ocala; that all of the buildings of that Seminary were presented, unincumbered, to the State by the citizens of Ocala as an inducement to the Legislature to locate the said Seminary in said town. The Committee, therefore, are of opinion that there can be no just claim against the State for expenses incurred in the erection of those buildings; and, further, had the Board of Education authorized the erection of those buildings, it would be contrary to the usual policy of the Legislature to appropriate money out of the treasury to defray the expenses of the same, as there is a specific fund

for the establishment and maintenance of that Seminary. The Committee therefore recommend that the bill do not pass.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Ozias Buddington, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to

REPORT:

That the bill has been in the possession of the Committee for two weeks without any information in regard to it from any quarter, and as there is no evidence within the bill itself to show the necessity for its passage, the committee beg to return the bill back to the House. G. E. HAWES, Cha'n.

Which was received and read and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. McKinnon, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to change the time for holding the Circuit Courts for the Western Judicial Circuit, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the following amendment:

Strike out the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th lines of the first section, and insert after the word "Monday," in the 9th line, the words "in March, for the County of Holmes, on the first Tuesday after the third Monday in March; for the County of Washington on the first Tuesday after the fourth Monday in March."

With these amendments, the Committee recommend that the bill do pass.

N. J. McKINNON,
H. H. WELLS,
C. L. BROXSON,
A. C. BLOUNT,
J. H. POOSER.

Which was received and read and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Hull,

Lee, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Stewart, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—27.

Nays—Messrs. Bissell, Campbell, VanZant and Wells—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Lee, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Stewart, VanZant, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—28.

Nay—Mr. Wells—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George G. Holt and Thaddeus Reese of Wakulla county,

Was read the second time, and the amendments proposed by the Committee on Claims adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the Pilot laws for the Port of Fernandina,

Was read the second time, and the amendments proposed by by the Select Committee on Pilotage adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the compensation of Pilots at the Port of St. Marks,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Wm. G. Parker, Sheriff of Suwannee county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower Lewis Clark to assume the management of his own estate,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Elizabeth Lovett,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and 80 copies thereof ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

A bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam in this State,

Was read the second time, and the amendments proposed thereto by the Select Committee adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the times of holding the Circuit Courts of the Middle Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida,

Came up, and the amendment proposed by the Senate adopted by the House and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize and empower Florida A. Stanley to assume the management of her own estate,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Scott and Wilkinson—23.

Nays—Messrs. Lee, Williams and Yates—3.

So the bill passed—titled as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Martha Ann Barns to that of Mary Harriet McClelland,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Lee, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, Wilkinson and Yates—25.

Nay—Mr. Williams—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Canova moved that the rules be waived and that a bill to be entitled An act to regulate fishing on the coasts of the State of Florida be taken up and placed among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to and said bill taken up and read a second time and the following amendment offered by Mr. Blount:

That the 8th section of said bill be amended by adding thereto the words, "and such license shall include and be applicable to one boat, smack or other water craft only;"

Which was adopted and the bill with amendment ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of George R. Clotfelter to George Washington Rosemon,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Clyatt, Dansby, Hawes, Hull, Newburn, Price and Wilkinson—9.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Bowne, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Collins, Cole, Howell, Lee, McKinnon, Pooser, Richardson, Scott and Williams—15.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to repeal so much of an act passed January 7th, 1859, as consolidates the offices of Tax Assessor and Collector and Sheriff of Wakulla county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, McKinnon, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Hull moved that the rule be waived, that he may be allowed to introduce without previous a bill to be entitled an act making Capt. Simeon Sparkman a citizen of Columbia county;

Which motion was agreed to, and said bill received and placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James C. McArthur, former Sheriff of Santa Rosa county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Campbell, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Stewart, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis of Alachua county,

Was placed back on its second reading and referred to the Committee on Claims.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Monticello in Jefferson County,

Was read the first time, the rule waived read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the times for holding the Circuit Courts for the Western Judicial Circuit,

Was ordered to be engrossed with amendments for third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Spencer T. Thomas of Hernando County,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act making Simeon Sparkman a citizen of Columbia County,

Was read the first and second times and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library,

Was read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Hawes, the House adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow, A. M.

TUESDAY, January 29th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Stewart the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved that Mr. Bowne be granted leave of absence and excused from further attendance on this House during the present session;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilkinson, in pursuance of previous notice, introduced the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of physicians who are summoned to attend Coroners' juries, approved January 11th, 1855;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bill:

By Mr. Russell:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Jefferson county to sell their stock in the Pensacola and Georgia Rail-road Company.

The joint Judiciary Committee made the following report:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize Henry C. Grovenstine to

plead and practice law, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed us to report:

That not seeing any particular merit in the exception proposed by this bill to the general rules of the law, they have instructed us to return the bill to the House for its consideration and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was received and read, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills, through Mr. Stewart, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from penning or detaining stock without the consent of the owner in Nassau county.

A bill to be entitled an act to make the office of constables elective, and for other purposes.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal in part the laws prohibiting intercourse with the Indians.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the auction laws of this State.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws in the counties of Leon and Gadsden.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN Q. STEWART, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Canova, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the road law and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county, ask leave to report the same back to the House, with the following amendments: Strike out of the second and third lines, in the second section, the words, "of the respective counties of this State," and insert "county of Santa Rosa."

Strike out of the sixth line of same section the words, "their respective counties," and insert "the county of Santa Rosa."

Strike out of the twelfth line of same section the words, "respective Boards," and insert the word "Board."

With these amendments, the passage of said bill is recommended. A. A. CANOVA, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Hernando, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to enable Railroad Companies to obtain the right of way, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the bill back to the House with the following amendment:

Amend by adding a section to be numbered

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That all costs that may accrue in summoning jurors to assess the damages to the owner of said land, shall in all cases be paid by the Railroad Company interested therein.

With this amendment, the Committee recommend the passage of the bill.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read and said bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act enlarging the time for making demands on Railroad Companies for stock killed or injured, beg leave respectfully to return the same without amendment and recommend its passage.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Home Insurance Company of Apalachicola, having had the same under consideration, report the same back to the House with the following amendments and recommend its passage:

In the 8th line of the 3d section, strike out the words "and sell property of all roads," and insert the words, "all such property as may be necessary to carry into effect the object of this act;" also, in the 12th and 16th lines of same section, strike out the words, "or the United States." In the 20th, 21st and 22d lines of the 7th section, strike out the words, "to purchase and discount notes and bills of exchange."

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom reference of a bill to be entitled an act respecting the sale of vinous and spiritous

liquors to slaves or free persons of color in Apalachicola was made, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the same back to the House, and recommend that the entire third section be stricken out, and with this amendment that said bill do pass.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to incorporate the Alachua County Railroad Company, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report it back to the House with the following amendments:

Strike out the entire second section and substitute therefor

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the capital stock of said Company shall be two hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Strike out the words "or of the United States," from the 14th line of section 8th.

Strike out from the 11th line of the 12th section the words "or other property."

Strike out from the twenty-fourth line of same (12th) section the words "or ownership of the materials in question;" and add to same section, after the words "aforesaid," the words, "*Provided*, That said jury thus summoned by the Sheriff shall assess the value of the land only over which said road may run for a distance of sixty feet, to be measured on each side from the centre of said road."

Strike out from the 13th section all after the word "lands," in the seventh line.

Strike out the entire 18th section.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Marianna, approved January 8th, 1853, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the following amendments:

Strike out all after the word "jury," in the 22d line, to the word "and," in the 26th line of the 2d section.

Strike out all after the word "sidewalks," in the 31st line, to the word "and," in the 34th line of the 3d section.

Strike out all after the words "real estate," in the 42d line, to the word "and," in the 44th line of the same section.

Strike out all after word "persons," in the 53d line, to the words "to provide for," in the 55th line of the same section.

Strike out all after the word "party," in the 77th line of the same section.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was received and read and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Monticello, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the same back to the House, with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 26th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a remedy to enforce the lien of ship wrights, ship chandlers, and others against ships, vessels, steamboats or other water craft;

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Town of Campbellton of Jackson county; and,

House resolution relative to the price of the public lands in this State.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and the Senate bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day and the House bill and resolution ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 29th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to foreign guardians;

A bill to be entitled an act to protect occupants or settlers upon the public lands of the State of Florida in their possession of and to their improvements thereon;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to increase the compensation of the Solicitors of this State.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read, and the bills ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws in the county of Leon and Gadsden;

On motion of Mr. Williams, was laid over until to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal in part the laws prohibiting intercourse with the Indians,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Mays, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—36.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from penning or detaining stock, without the consent of the owner, in Nassau county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Mays, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker. Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Stewart, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—34.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State,

Came up on its second reading, and on motion of Mr. Pooser, the House went into a Committee of the Whole for its consideration—Mr. Hawes in the Chair.

After some time spent therein the committee rose and through their Chairman reported the bill back to the House as amended, and recommended its passage.

Said amendments ordered to be engrossed, and the bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Call, Finlayson and Bowers, waited upon the House and informed them that they had been appointed to confer with a similar committee on the part of the House to wait upon the Governor and inquire of his Excellency if the interest of the State required the present General Assembly to remain in session longer than Monday, the 4th of February next.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Spencer T. Thomas of Hernando county;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George G. Holt and Thaddeus Rees of Wakulla county;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William H. Fanin;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws of Nassau county; and

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the compensation of Pilots at the Port of St. Marks.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was received and read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Russell, the House went into a Committee of the Whole for its consideration—Mr. Means in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose and through their Chairman reported the bill back to the House as amended, and recommended its passage.

Said bill with amendments ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rule being waived, Mr. Means moved that David Mizell be excused from further attendance on the House during the

present session of the Legislature; and that Mr. Means be allowed to collect the amount due Mr. Mizell from the State of Florida for the time he was in attendance;

Which was adopted.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 29th, 1861.

HON. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has passed the following House bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to locate the county site of Volusia county; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Big Spring Creek in Jackson county to Spring river.

Very Respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and said bills ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Haddock moved that the House adjourned until 3 o'clock;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Dansby, Haddock, Holloman, Lee, Mickler, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell and Wilkinson—17.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Coffee, Collins, Howell, Love, Mays, McKinnon, Means, Newburn, Parker, Vogt, Williams and Yates—15.

So the motion was carried, and the House took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Means, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Means, Blount and Lee was appointed to act with a similar Committee on part of the Senate to wait upon the Governor and confer with him as to the expediency of the present General Assembly remaining in session longer than Monday next.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws of Nassau county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins,

Haddock, Howell, Hull, Lee, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson and Yates—20.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Holloman, Mays, Russell, Wells and Wilkinson—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate the compensation of Pilots for the Port of St. Marks,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Canova, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Mays, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—32.

Nay—Mr. Love—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Wm. H. Fannin,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, McKinnon, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—30.

Nays—Messrs. Bowne, Collins, Love and Mays—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George G. Holt and Thaddeus Rees of Wakulla county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Carter, Clyatt, Cole, Dansby, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Wilkinson and Yates—24.

Nays—Messrs. Campbell, Collins, Love and Wells—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

The rule being waived, Mr. Williams moved that the Committee on the Militia be excused from further attendance upon the House until to-morrow morning;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the amendment

adopted by the House to the following Senate bill as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to change the times for holding the Circuit Courts of the Western Judicial Circuit.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying engrossed amendment placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Spencer T. Thomas of Hernando county,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Holland of Hernando, Lee, Love, Parker and Yates—5.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Holloman, Hull, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Wells and Wilkinson—26.

So the bill was lost.

The rule being waived, Mr. Blount offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the Governor of this State be and he is hereby empowered to fill, by appointment and commission, any vacancy which may occur in the office of Major General of the Army of Florida, by death, resignation or otherwise.

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Cole, Dansby, Means, Mickler, Parker, Pooser, Russell, Stewart, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—18.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Bowne, Broxson, Collins, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Newburn, Oliver, Price, Scott and Vogt —14.

So the resolution was adopted—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the time for holding the Circuit Courts for the Western Judicial Circuit,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Bowne, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Par-

ker, Pooser, Price, Russell, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates —29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of Physicians who are summoned to attend Coroner's Juries, approved January 11th, 1855,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Henry C. Grovenstine to plead and practice law,

Was read the second time by its title and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Monticello, Jefferson county,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to auhorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million of dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act relating to foreign guardians,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for enforcing the lien of ship wrights, ship chandlers and others against ships, vessels, steamboats or other water craft,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to protect occupants or settlers upon the public lands of the State of Florida in their possession of and to their improvements thereon,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to increase the compensation of the solicitors of this State,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, January 30th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Holloman, the reading of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with.

Notice was given of intention to introduce the following bills at some future day, viz:

By Mr. Canova:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made in the reports which the several Banks of this State are required to make to the Governor and Comptroller of this State.

By Mr. Parker:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the recording of the marks and brands of beef cattle, drove or shipped from the counties of Sumter, Hillsborough and Manatee.

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, through Mr. Hawes, made the following report:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lavilla Institute near Jacksonville, Florida, having carefully considered the same, ask leave to report, that they consider the bill a meritorious one and recommend its passage.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Claims, through Mr. Hawes, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. Samuel B. Todd, having examined the same, ask leave to report, that the object of this bill is to pay Dr. Samuel B. Todd for services rendered in the volunteer service against the Indians, and as a general bill making provision for the payment of all claims for such services is now under the consideration of this Legislature, the committee deem the passage of this special bill unnecessary.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holloman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following bills and resolutions as correctly enrolled, viz:

An act to establish the records of the county of Columbia and for other purposes;

An act to authorize the Judge of the Middle Circuit of Florida to hold an extra term of the Circuit Court in Hamilton county;

An act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the Middle Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida;

An act to incorporate the Town of Campbellton;

A resolution for the relief of B. Frisby and J. M. Murphy; and

A resolution relative to the price of public lands in this State.

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary of the House and Senate made the following report:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act requiring the Judges of the Supreme Court to hold a term of said Court at Pensacola, have had the same under consideration, and instructed us to

REPORT:

That, while there are good reasons why there should be a term of the Supreme Court held in each year, in each Judicial Circuit of the State, there are no good reasons which have suggested themselves that have induced the Committee to think or feel that a term of said Court should be holden but at one place in each Judicial Circuit in each year; and while it is highly probable that Pensacola would be the most suitable place, and easiest of access in the Western Judicial Circuit, yet, not having any evidence before the Committee that the people of the West, who are interested in the matter, desire it changed from Marianna to Pensacola, nor does the bill propose such a thing, your Committee, from these facts, do not recommend the passage of the bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library, have had the same under consideration and have instructed us to

REPORT:

That they recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendments, that is to say, strike out the second section,

and in the sixth line of the third section strike out the words "twenty-five," and insert the word "fifteen."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Vogt from the Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate fishing on the coast of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Town of Monticello, Jefferson, County, in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the County of Polk from the Counties of Hillsborough and Brevard;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Henry C. Grovenstine to plead and practice law;

A bill to be entled an act for the relief of William J. Parker, Sheriff of Suwannee County;

A bill to be entitled an act making Capt. Simeon Sparkman a citizen of Columbia County;

Also the amendments to the following Senate bill:

A to be entitled an act to amend the Pilot Laws for the Port of Fernandina.

Respectfully submitted,
D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

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Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the Pilot Laws for the Port of Fernandina,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Cañova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Vanzant, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—33.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Coffee moved that the rules be waived and he be allowed to make a motion that Messrs. Williams, McKinnon and Coffee, members of the Military Committee be excused from attendance on the House to-day.

Which was agreed to and said leave of absence granted.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Henry C. Grovenstine to plead and practice law,

Was read the third and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Canova, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Price, Richardson, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Wilkinson and Yates—24.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Holloman, Love, Mays, Means, Pooser, Russell, Vogt and Wells —13.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William G. Parker, Sheriff of Suwannee County,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—32.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act making Capt. Simeon Sparkman a citizen of Columbia county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—34.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to regulate fishing on the coast of Florida,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—33.

Nays—Messrs. Bissell and Campbell—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Monticello, Jefferson county, in this State,

Was, on motion, placed back on its second reading and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Jones and Bowers, waited upon the House and requested that they would return to the Senate a bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklockonee river.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize the county of Polk from the counties of Hillsborough and Brevard,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Canova, Carter, Clyatt, Cole, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Stewart, VanZant, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—22.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Campbell, Dansby, Hawes, Holloman, Love, Mays, Means, Russell and Vogt—11.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws in the counties of Leon and Gadsden,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—28.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Mays and VanZant—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the road law and repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county herein named,

Was read a second time, and amendments proposed thereto by the Committee on Internal Improvements adopted, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

. A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Monticello, Jefferson county, in this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Vogt and Yates—31.

Nay—Mr. Howell—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

The following bills, coming up among the orders of the day, on motion, were laid on the table:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the criminal laws of this State;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Clinton Thigpin; and

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the harbor and bay of Apalachicola.

. A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge the time for making demands on Railroad Companies for stock killed or injured and for other purposes,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to enable Railroad Companies to obtain the right of way,

Was read the second time, and the amendment proposed thereto by the Committee on Corporations adopted.

The rule being waived, Mr. Mays offered the following amendment:

Strike out the words "a majority of whom" and insert the word "which," in the 10th line, 1st section.

Which was adopted, and the bill, with amendments, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of Physicians who are summoned to attend Coroners' Juries, approved January 11th, 1855,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill entitled an act relating to foreign guardians,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide a remedy to enforce the lien of ship chandlers and others against ships, vessels, steamboats or other water craft,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million of dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida,

Was read the second time, and the further consideration of the same deferred until Friday next.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to increase the compensation of the solicitors of this State,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Canova, Means, Mickler and Russell—4.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—29.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered to be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to protect occupants or settlers upon the public lands of the State of Florida in their possessions and to their improvements thereon,

Was read the second time and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to make offices of Constable, elective by the people, and for other purposes,

Came up on its third reading, but, on motion, was placed back on its second reading and the following amendment offered by Mr. Howell:

SEC. 12. *Be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this act shall not be of force or effect in the Southern Judicial District of the State;

Which was lost, and the bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. Samuel B. Todd,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lavilla Institute,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others,

Was read a second time and referred to Committee on Claims.

Mr. Canova moved that the rules be waived, and that a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate Jacksonville Light Infantry, re-

ferred to the Committee on Militia, be withdrawn from said Committee and referred to the Committee on Corporations;

Which was agreed to and said reference ordered to be made.

Mr. Blount moved that the member from Walton, (Mr. McKinnon,) be excused from further attendance upon the service of this House during its present session;

Which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 31st, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Coffee, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The rules being waived, the following bills and resolution were introduced without previous notice, viz:

By Mr. Lee:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of Tax Assessor and Collector for the county of Sumter and other purposes.

By Mr. Blount:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the service of civil process in certain cases; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the security of the citizens of this State transacting business with foreign corporations.

By Mr. Newburn:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of those counties which have subscribed for stock in the several Railroads in this State; also,

Resolution in relation to the public lands of this State;

Which were received to, and said bills and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Canova moved that the rule be waived and he be allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made in the reports which the several banks of this State are required to make to the Governor or Comptroller of this State;

Which was agreed to, and said bill received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Love moved that Mr. McKinnon, member from Walton County, be granted leave of absence and excused from further

attendance on this House during the present session, and that a vote taken on yesterday refusing such leave of absence now be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to and said vote reconsidered and the motion adopted to grant such leave of absence.

And on motion the rule was waived and Mr. Love introduced a resolution for the relief of Neil J. McKinnon, member from Walton County;

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read a second and third times by its title and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—35.

Nays—None.

So the resolution was adopted.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Blount, Love and Coffee, were appointed to convey said resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

Mr. Howell offered the following resolution:

That the Comptroller be requested to furnish the House with a statement of the amount of taxes assessed for the year 1860, the amount paid in and amount of taxes due on account of revenue at the present time, and a statement of the amount due from each county; also, a statement from the Treasurer of the disbursement since his last report;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Williams moved that the rule be waived and he be allowed, without previous notice, to introduce a bill to be entitled an act in relation to crimes and misdemeanors;

Which was agreed to and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

In pursuance of a motion to that effect, the Speaker announced, as an additional Standing Committee of the House, a Committee on Public Lands, consisting of Messrs. Coffee, Pooser, Canova, McCormick and Bissell.

Mr. Bellamy, from the Committee on Finance and Public Accounts, made the following report:

The Committee on Finance and Public Accounts have had under consideration a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Tax Laws of the State, and instruct me to report the same back to the House and recommend that it do pass.

B. W. BELLAMY, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of physicians who are summoned to attend Coroners' Juries, approved January 11th, 1855;

A bill to be entitled an act enlarging the time for making demands on Railroad Companies for stock killed or injured, and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to enable Railroad Companies to obtain the right of way; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was received and read and said bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holloman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled, viz:

An act to change the name of Big Spring Creek, in Jackson county, to Spring river; and,

An act to permanently locate the county site of Volusia county.

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

The following report was received from the Joint Committee of the Judiciary of the House and Senate:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act concerning the office of Clerk of the Supreme Court, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed us to report the accompanying substitute, and recommend its adoption in lieu of the original bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Commitee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was received, and the accompanying bill and substitute placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to enlarge and define the powers and

practice of Courts of Equity in granting and dissolving injunctions and other summary process, together with the substitute therefor, heretofore reported, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed us to report that they herewith submit a substitute, the adoption of which they recommend in lieu of the original bill and substitute.'

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee,
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

That whenever in any equity cause pending in any of the Courts of this State any injunction or other summary order has been granted, and the defendant by his answer shall have denied the statement of the bill, either party thereto shall have the right to introduce evidence in support or denial of the bill or answer, before the injunction or other summary order shall be dissolved, and the Chancellor shall dissolve or continue the order according to the weight of the evidence.

Which was received, and the accompanying bill and substitutes placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act regulating the admission of attorneys and counsellors at law in the Courts of the State of Florida, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed us to report that they have perceived no reason to change the present law in relation to the admission of attorneys to practice law, by the mode proposed to be adopted by the bill, and therefore they return the bill to the House, and recommend that it do not pass.

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee,
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was received and the bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws now in force in this State, have had the same under consideration and have instructed us to report that they herewith submit a substitute, and recommend the adoption of it in lieu of the original bill.

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee,
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was received, and the accompanying bill and substitute placed among the orders of the day.

The Joint Committee of the House and Senate on Military Affairs made the following report:

The Joint Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to aid the citizens of this State in procuring arms and accoutrements and for other purposes,

REPORT:

That the policy proposed by said bill is not only incompatible with the financial condition of the State, but would in effect relinquish the whole control of arming the State into the hands of individuals, and make the State liable to be defrauded to an indefinite extent.

JOS. JOHN WILLIAMS,
Chairman House Committee,
J. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was received and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to grant certain privileges to the Leon Artillery, and to provide an armory and accoutrements for the same,

REPORT:

That while they are disposed to give every encouragement and aid to Volunteer Companies compatible with the general policy of the State in relation to such matters, they do not deem it proper or just to grant particular privileges and advantages to any one company, or make any exception, without cogent reasons, to the general laws governing the militia of the State. The Committee cannot therefore recommend the passage of the bill.

JOS. JOHN WILLIAMS,
Chairman House Committee.
J. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Select Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred a Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for a State uniform and flag, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT:

That they recommend that the bill do pass, with the following amendments:

In the fifth line of section one, for the word "procure" substitute the word "adopt;" and, in the same line, between the words "a" and "uniform," insert the word "State;" and in the same line and the following strike out the words "for the Volunteers of this State."

In the fourth line of section second, substitute "sized buttons" for the word "sizes."

In the third section, after the word "that," in the first line, strike out the word "all;" also, in the third line the word "all;" and in the sixth line, after the word "uniform," strike out to the word "shall," in the seventh line; and strike out all after the word "years," in the ninth line.

In section four, strike out all after the word "character," in the fifth line.

JOS. JOHN WILLIAMS,
Chairman House Committee.
J. W. McQUEEN,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read and the bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 29, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of measurers and inspectors, and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James McCormick;

A bill to be entitled an act concerning roads and highways in St. Johns county;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the school laws of Columbia, Suwannee, New River, Lafayette, Nassau and Sumter counties, with amendments;

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of A. D. Rogero, Sheriff of St. Johns county;

House bill to be entitled an act to allow Matthew L. McKinney to assume the management of his own estate;

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison

to construct a dam across the Ochlocknee river for the purpose of erecting a mill;

House bill to be entitled an act to re-organize the county of Brevard and for other purposes;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the act creating liens in favor of builders, material men, mechanics, laborers and others;

House bill to be entitled an act to repeal an act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county;

House bill to be entitled an act authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to furnish the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia county with seal of office;

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Mobile Railroad and Manufacturing Company;

A bill to be entitled an act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau county in certain cases;

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with, and to plead and be impleaded;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State in relation to Coroners and Juries of Inquest:

A bill to be entitled an act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee river;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina;

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Chipola river and other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Atzerotte;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. James D. Smith;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county from Hewitt's Bluff to that of Gay Hill, and for other purposes therein expressed;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington county to establish a ferry across Holmes Creek;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Light Company;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the college of St. Augustine to be located at St. Augustine;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county;

A bill to be entitled an act to relieve the Town of Milton of

the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said Town, and for other purposes;

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, former Sheriff and Tax Collector of Putnam county; also,

Resolution relating to the Florida and Georgia boundary line.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and the House bills ordered to be enrolled, and Senate bills and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 30th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City;

A bill to be entitled an act combining the offices of Sheriff and Tax Assessor of Jefferson County;

A bill to be entitled an act to establish fees of Notaries Public in certain cases;

A bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court;

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Ellis W. Hawkins of Santa Rosa County;

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Weekiva Creek and Clay Spring Run, and reclaim the Swamp and Overflowed lands on said streams;

A bill to be entitled an act concerning Pilotage for the Port of Cedar Keys;

House bill entitled an act for the relief of Walton County relative to the School Fund.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PAKKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the House bill ordered to be enrolled and Senate bills placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the mode of selecting grand and petit jurors in this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter,

Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Newburn, Pooser, Richardson, VanZant, Vogt, Wells and Wilkinson—23.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Broxson, Hawes, Oliver, Russell, Scott, Williams and Yates—8.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to enable Railroad Companies to obtain the right of way,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—27.

Nays—Messrs. Coffee and Mays—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act extending the time for making demands on Railroad Companies for stock killed or injured, and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—35.

Nay—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of Physicians who are summoned to attend Coroner's Juries, approved January 11, 1855,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Dansby, Hawes, Hull, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Russell, Stewart, Vogt and Wilkinson—14.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Oliver, Price, Richardson, Scott, VanZant, Wells, Williams and Yates—24.

So the bill was lost.

Mr. Means from the Committee appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor and inquire of him as to the expediency

of an adjournment of the General Assembly on Monday next, offered the following

REPORT:

That the Southern Convention meets at Montgomery on February 4th, for the purpose of adopting a plan both for a provisional and permanent government, that the latter it will probably require them some time to mature, and when matured and adopted by the Southern Convention, must be submitted to our own State Convention for ratification. But a plan for a Provisional Government there is every reason to believe will be agreed upon on the first or second day after the meeting of the Southern Convention, which will be substantially the Constitution of the late United States, and will not require to be ratified by any other body before it will go into operation. Should this be the case, the General Assemby of Florida will be immediately called upon to provide for the election of President and Vice President, and members of Congress, and perhaps perform other duties which cannot now be known until after the action of said Southern Convention. Inasmuch as the preservation of our domestic peace and the hope of avoiding a war between the two sections is dependent upon the speedy organization of such a Government for the seceding States, it is evident that the duties thus devolved upon the General Assembly are so absolutely important that unless it is in session at the time, the Governor would be compelled to call that body together again immediately.

In view of these facts the Committee are of the opinion that unless the General Assembly can anticipate with reasonable certainty the action of said Southern Convention, and provide in advance for the election of those Federal officers and the performance of those duties which it may become necessary for Florida to elect or perform, the public interest will absolutely prohibit their adjournment, inasmuch as the mileage of members alone, which would be incurred by an extra session rendered necessary by said adjournment, would be equal to the expense of several weeks of actual session.

The Committee have further to report, that there seems to be a large amount of legislation devolved upon them by the ordinances of the late Convention, and it would seem to be premature even to discuss the question of an adjournment, when as yet not a solitary bill has been introduced into either House in pursuance of those ordinances.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.
G. W. MEANS,
Chairman House Committee.

Which was read.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Chain, Brokaw and Watlington, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had concurred in the House resolution for the relief of N. J. McKinnon;

Which resolution was ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring the Judges of the Supreme Court to hold a term of said Court at Pensacola,

Was, on motion, laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Elizabeth Lovett,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to make the office of Constable elective, and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Dansby, Hawes, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Price, Russell and Vogt—16.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Mays, Oliver, Pooser, Richardson, Scott, VanZant, Wells, Williams and Wilkinson—21.

So said bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower Lewis Clark to assume the management of his own State,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holloman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following resolution as correctly enrolled:

Resolution in favor of Neil J. McKinnon.

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Love, Hawes and Oliver a Committee to return a bill to the Senate entitled a bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklockonee river, in pursuance of a request made by them on yesterday.

Senate bill to incorporate the Lavilla Institute, near Jacksonville, Florida,

Was read a third time, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull,

Lee, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates —34.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide a remedy to enforce the lien of ship chandlers and others against ships, vessels, steamboats or other water craft,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—33.

Nays—None.

So the bill was lost.

Senate bill to be entitled an act in relation to foreign guardians,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—33.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Town of Marianna, approved Jan'y 8th, 1853,

Was read the second time, and the amendments proposed by the Committee on Corporations refused to be concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the House took a recess until half-past three o'clock P. M.

3½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

Mr. Love introduced the following resolution:

Resolution limiting the time of introducing bills in the House of Representatives of a local nature.

Be it resolved, That from and after Saturday, the 2nd day of

February next, no bill of a local character shall be introduced or entertained except by the unanimous vote of the House;

Which was adopted.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the security of the citizens of this State transacting business with foreign corporations,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of those counties which have subscribed for stock in the several Railroads in this State,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations, and 80 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

A bill to be entitled an act concerning the office of Clerk of the Supreme Court of this State,

Was read the second time, and the substitute proposed by the Joint Judiciary Committee adopted and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Blount gave notice that he would on some future day ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts of the State hereinafter named with the powers which were exercised by the late District Court of the late United States for the Northern District of Florida, and to provide for a transfer to said Circuit Courts of the records of the late District Court of the late United States for the Northern District of Florida, and for the cognizance and adjudication by said Circuit Courts of all matters which were pending in the said late District Court of the late United States, and for other purposes.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of Measurers and Inspectors, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning roads and highways in St. Johns county in this State,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James McCormick,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bill as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Senate resolution relating to the Florida and Georgia boundary line,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to relieve the Town Council of the town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said town, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine, to be located at St. Augustine,

Was read the first time, rule waived read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon County,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mays, Means, Mickler, Pooser, Price, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt and Wilkinson—26.

Nays—Messrs. Bissell, Broxson, Cole, Hawes, Holloman, Love, Newburn, Oliver, Richardson, Scott and Yates—11.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Love gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to regulate the mode and manner of admitting persons to practice law in the several Courts of Law and Equity in this State;

Also a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the several Banks

and Agencies of this State to suspend specie payment, and to suspend judicial sales under decrees and executions.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington County to establish a Ferry across Holmes Creek,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Light Company,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Atzerotte,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. James D. Smith,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a ferry across the Withlacoochee river,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State in relation to Coroners and juries of inquest,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the service of civil process in certain cases,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau county in certain cases,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge and define the jurisdic-

tion and establish certain rules of practice in the Courts of Equity in this State,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to crimes and misdemeanors,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the fees of Notaries Public in certain cases,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning Pilotage for the Port of Cedar Keys,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Weekiva creek and Clay Spring river and reclaim the Swamp and Overflowed Lands on said streams,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county from Hewit's Bluff to that of Gay Hill, and for other purposes therein expressed,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title, whereupon Mr. Broxson offered the following amendment:

Strike out the words Gay Hill and insert the words Cerro Gordo wherever the words Gay Hill appears in said bill,

Which was adopted and the bill and amendment ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Ellis W. Hawkins of Santa Rosa county,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Senate bill to be entitled an act combining the offices of Sheriff and Tax-Assessor of Jefferson county,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with and to plead and be impleaded,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Chipola river and for other purposes,

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the several Banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Attachment Laws now in force in this State,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time substitute of the Judiciary Committee adopted, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

The following resolution in relation to the Public Lands of this State was offered by Mr. Newburn:

WHEREAS, The extensive sea board and the present sparse population of the State of Florida necessarily renders her defence, either by her own citizens or by any Confederation of which she may form a part, an exceedingly onerous task, which may, however, be greatly lightened by the completion of the Railroads now in progress, between Tampa Bay and Fernandina, and Pensacola and Jacksonville; AND, WHEREAS, It is confidently believed that this result could certainly be secured by some additional assistance in the shape of a further land grant; Therefore,

Resolved, That the delegates to this State to the Southern Convention are hereby requested, if the public lands become a subject for the consideration of said Convention, to obtain from it, if possible, a relinquishment of all claim to the late United States' lands in the State of Florida, and more particularly to all lying within fifteen miles of the lines of railroad herein indicated.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Bird the House adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

FRIDAY, February 1st, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the reading of the journal of yerterday's proceedings were dispened with.

Mr. Bellamy moved that the Judiciary Committee be requested to report at an early day as possible, either by bill or otherwise, what legislation is necessary to carry into effect the ordinances passed by the late Convention;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Mays moved that the bill to be entitled an act to amend the Criminal laws of this State be taken up from the table and placed among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blount moved that the vote taken on yesterday on the bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of Physicians who are summoned to attend Coroners Juries, approved Jan'y 11th, 1855, be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to, and said bill taken up and placed among the orders of the day.

Hr. Howell moved that Mr. Parker be excused from attendance on the House until Monday next;

Which was agreed to.

The following bills were introduced in pursuance to previous notice, viz:

By Mr. Blount:

A bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts hereinafter named with the powers which were possessed by the late District Courts of the late United States, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Parker:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking the marks and brands of cattle drove or shipped from the counties of Sumpter, Hillsborough and Manatee;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Newburn moved that the bill to be entitled an act for the relief of those counties which have subscribed for stock in the several Railroads in this State be taken from the Committee on Corporations, to which it was referred on yesterday, and referred to a Select Committee;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Newburn, Russell and Oliver appointed said Committee.

Mr. Hawes, from the Committee on Claims, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts to whom was refer-

red a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to

REPORT:

That the object and intention of this bill is to pay M. D. Papy, Attorney General; Dyke & Carlisle, printers, and the several deputy clerks of the Supreme Court for extra services, in furnishing, preparing and printing the reports of the Supreme Courts. As there is no doubt in the minds of the Committee as to the amount of services rendered and the necessity for it, and this Legislature having already paid the Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court for similar services, the Committee recommend that the bill do pass.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to

REPORT:

That the bill is intended to pay the said West the costs of his court as Justice of the Peace, in certain cases, in which the State was a party and against whom the costs were justly assessed. The Committee therefore recommend that the bill do pass.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hawes, from the Committee on Schools and Colleges made the following report:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine, to be located at St. Augustine, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that they recommend the passage of the bill.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was received and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Joint Judiciary Committee made the following report:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act in relation to crimes and misdemeanors, have had the same under consideration and have instructed

me to report the accompanying amendments to the bill—that is to say:

In the sixth line, strike out the word "the" and insert "an."

In the same line, strike out the words "of another person" and insert "not his own."

In the twelfth line, strike out all after the word "not" to the end of the section and insert "exceeding double the value of the timber so cut, fell or destroyed, at the discretion of the Court: *Provided*, This act shall not apply to any settler upon the public lands who shall cut or fell timber on the same merely for the purposes of clearing land for cultivation or necessary plantation purposes, and in all indictments under this act for trespass on private property there shall be a prosecutor set at the foot of the indictment, who shall be liable for costs on failure to convict."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to provide for service of civil process in certain cases, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was received and read, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act concerning the office of Clerk of the Supreme Court of this State;

A bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Elizabeth Lovett;

A bill to be entitled an act to empower Lewis Clarke to assume the management of his own estate;

Also amendments to the following Senate bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county from Hewitt's Bluff to that of Gay Hill, and for other purposes therein expressed; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the road law and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county herein named.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Bird, from the Committee on Elections, made the following report:

The Committee on Elections, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State in relation to elections, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report, that the provisions of said bill which materially alter or amend the election laws now in force in this State are not, in the opinion of your Committee, of sufficient importance as to make the passage of the bill necessary. Your Committee therefore recommend that the bill do not pass.

P. B. BIRD.

Which was read and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Lee, from a Special Committee, made the following report:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of a Tax-Assessor and Collector for Sumter county, and for other purposes, have had the same under consideration and have, from examination, found that there have been Tax-Assessors and Collectors elected for said county for the last five or six years, who have discharged the duties of said office, given bond, &c., and that the present Tax-Assessor and Collector has given bond and discharged the duties of said office for last year under the impression that he was authorized so to do, when in reality he is not liable in law upon his bond for said taxes, and that if it is considered doubtful by the tax-payers to whom the taxes should be paid, much trouble will be had to collect them, therefore, to obviate this difficulty, this bill was introduced. We therefore beg leave to report the bill back to the House and recommend that it do pass.

J. A. LEE, Chairman,
JOSEPH HOWELL,
C. L. BROXSON.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Hernando, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate Lake City and Blunt Ferry

Railroad Company, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the bill back to the House with the following amendments:

Strike out all after the word "divided," in the 7th line of the second section, and insert therefor the words, "into shares of one hundred dollars each."

Strike out from the 16th line of the 12th section the words "or other property;" also strike out from the 33d and 34th lines of the same section the words "or ownership of the materials." Further amend same section by adding after the word "aforesaid," in the last line of said section, the words "provided that said jury thus summoned by the Sheriff shall assess the value of the land only on which said road may run for a distance of sixty feet on each side from the centre of said road bed."

Strike out all after the word "lands," in the 10th line of 13th section.

Strike out the entire 18th section.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was received and read and said bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower Lewis Clark to assume the management of his own estate,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Clyatt, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Price, Stewart, VanZant, Wilkinson and Yates—18.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Oliver, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Vogt, Wells and Williams—21.

So the bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Elizabeth Lovett,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Wilkinson and Yates—25.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Carter,

Coffee, Collins, Love, Mays, Means, Oliver, Richardson, Vogt, Wells and Williams—15.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act concerning the office of Clerk of the Supreme Court,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—35.

Nays—Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Holloman and Wells—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, VanZant, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—Messrs. Bissell, Broxson, Carter, Holloman, Hull, Love, Oliver, Richardson, Scott and Wells—10.

So the bill passed—titled as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Brokaw and Call, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate have concurred in the first and second House amendments to the Senate bill to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State, but have declined to concur in the residue of said amendments, and request the House to recede therefrom or to appoint a Committee of Conference.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of the county site of Holmes county from Hewitt's Bluff to Gay Hill,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—32.

Nay—Mr. Mays—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Russell, the rule was waived, and he was allowed to offer the following resolution:

Be it Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund be requested to inform this House whether the several Railroad Companies in this State, accepting the benefits of the "Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State," approved Jan'y 6th, 1855, have, in compliance with the 11th Section of said Act, made semi-annual reports of gross receipts and net earnings of the several roads during construction, and how much of said proceeds have been paid by each Company into the Trust Fund towards the payment of interest of Bonds issued by said Company;

Which was adopted.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws and to repeal a certain act relating to Santa Rosa county herein named,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—32.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate resolution relating to the Florida and Georgia boundary line,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Love, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—33.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

The rule being waived, Mr. Love moved that Mr. Bird be excused from further attendance on the House during the day;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James McCormick,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning roads and highways in St. Johns county in this State,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to authorize the appointment of Measurers and Inspectors and for other purposes,

Was read a second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library,

Was read the second time and on motion referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Russell, Holland of Franklin, Means, Pooser and Cole.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for a State Uniform and Flag,

Was read the second time and the report of the Joint Select Committee on Militia concurred in, the rule waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, VanZant, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—28.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning Pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the fees of Notaries Public in certain cases,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—25.

Nays—Messrs. Howell, Love, Mays and VanZant—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau County in certain cases,

On motion was laid on the table.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State relating to Coroners and Juries of Inquest,

Was read the second time, and on motion laid on the table.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to permit A. E. Hodges to establish a ferry across the Withlacooche river,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Lee, Love, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—33.

Nays—Mr. Howell—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina,

Was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Washington county to establish a Ferry across Holmes creek,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time by its title and put upon its passage, on which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Howell, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—33.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the several Banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller,

Was read the second time, and on motion referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Russell, Holloman, Holland of Hernando, Canova and Haddock.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of the Circuit Court of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with and to plead and be impleaded,

Was read the second time, whereupon

Mr. Haddock moved its indefinite postponement.

Upon which motion, the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Canova, Carter, Coffee, Cole, Haddock, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Mays, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt and Williams—19.

Nays—Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Russell, Wilkinson and Yates—16.

So the motion was carried.

Mr. Williams moved a reconsideration of the vote just taken on said bill;

Which was carried and the bill placed back among the orders of the day.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holland of Hernando, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom reference of a bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina was made, have duly considered the same, and being satisfied with the justice of its provisions, report same back to the House without amendment and recommend its passage.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the bill accompanying the same placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act combining the offices of Sheriff and Tax-Assessor of Jefferson county,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—31.

Nays—Messrs. Oliver, Stewart and VanZant—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Criminal laws of this State,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the

payment of Physicians who are summoned to attend Coroners Juries, approved Jan'y 11th, 1855,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Vogt and Wilkinson—21.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Broxson, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Hull, Love, Means, Richardson, Wells, Williams and Yates—15.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine, to be located at St. Augustine,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

A bill to be entitled an act for taking the marks and brands of cattle drove or shipped from the counties of Sumter, Hillsborough and Manatee,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts hereinafter named, with the powers which were possessed by the late District Courts of the late U. S., and for other purposes,

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the act entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize a Volunteer Corps in in the Counties of Franklin and Calhoun,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to Customs and Collectors at the Ports of Florida,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY, February 2nd, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. VanZant the reading of the Journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Dawkins, Walker and Ingram, waited upon the House and requested the return of a bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others, who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians.

On motion, Messrs. Love, Williams and Hawes were appointed said Committee to return said bill to the Senate.

Mr. Haddock moved that the Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau county in certain cases be taken up and placed among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

The rule being waived, the following bills were introduced without previous notice, viz:

By Mr. Holland of Franklin:

A bill to be entitled an act governing the trial of slaves and free persons of color in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act governing divorces in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act regulating wharfage in the city of Apalachicola; and,

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the fees of Port Wardens of the city of Apalachicola, and for other purposes.

By Mr. Canova:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the pilotage of St. Johns bar.

By Mr. Galbraith:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 22d Section of the Act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved Jan'y 6th, 1855.

By Mr. Means:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize suits at common law to be instituted against married women in Florida, and for other purposes.

Which bills were received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Russell moved that the Sergeat-at-Arms in the House of Representatives have leave of absence after 2 o'clock to-day until Monday next, 12 o'clock, M.;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Oliver moved that Mr. Carter, member from Wakulla, be

granted leave of absence from to-day 12 o'clock, untill Monday, 12 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Coffee moved that Mr. Mays of Madison be excused from attendance on this House till Tuesday, next one o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Mr, VanZant moved to reconsider the vote on the resolution of the House preventing local bills from being introduced after to-day;

Which was lost.

Mr. Newburn moved that the bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Thomas Jefferson Fillmore Ault, to Thomas Jefferson Fillmore Johns, be taken up and placed among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blount moved that the bill to be entitled an act providing the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors, be placed first among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hawes moved that Mr. Love be excused from further attendance on the House during the day;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Vogt offered the following resolution:

Resolved. That the General Assembly of the State of Florida adjourn sine die on Friday, the 8th inst., at 12 M.

On motion, the consideration of the same was postponed until Wednesday, next.

Mr. Love offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That the Secretary of State be requested to furnish to the General Assembly a correct and full catalogue and list of all books in the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Libraries of this State of which he is Librarian, and a memoranda of all books which have been extracted and lost from said Library, and of the general condition and care of said Library at his earliest convenience;

Which was adopted.

The Committee on Claims, through Mr. Hawes, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis, Sheriff of Alachua county, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to

REPORT:

That it appears from evidence laid before the Committee that George B. Ellis, Sheriff of Alachua county, stands charged on

the books of the Comptroller's office for fines assessed against individuals to the amount of the sum specified in the resolution, which fines he has been unable to collect. The intention of this resolution is to relieve him of the charge. The Committee recommend the passage of the resolution.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying resolution placed among the orders of the day.

The committee on Proposition and Grievances, through Mr. Pooser, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances having before them a Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Ellis W. Hankins, of Santa Rosa county, to be allowed to practice physic in said county of Santa Rosa, and make charges as a practicing physician, and, after having maturely considered the case before us, we recommend that the bill do pass.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Canova, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom a Senate bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Weekiva creek and Clay Spring river; also, a bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Chipola river, and for other purposes, were referred, have had the same under consideration, and, believing them proper objects of improvement under provisions of the Internal Improvement Act, ask leave to report both bills back to the House and recommend the passage of the same.

A. A. CANOVA, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Russell, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The undersigned Special Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the several Banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller, having carefully examined the various provisions contained in said bill, and believing them essential, beg leave respectfully to report said bill back to the House without amendment, and recommend its passage.

J. S. RUSSELL, Chairman,
A. A. CANOVA,
N. W. HOLLAND,
JOHN H. HADDOCK,
D. W. HOLLOMAN.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 31st, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has this day concurred in the House amendment to a bill to be entitled an act to amend the Pilot laws for the port of Fernandina.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was received and read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
January 31st, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Hydrant Water Company at Pensacola;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Major General Benjamin Hopkins;

House bill entitled an act to allow A. J. Baker of the county of Volusia to practice medicine in said county; and

House bill entitled an act to authorize William J. J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zippera to establish a toll bridge across the Suwanee and Alapaha rivers.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and the Senate bills ordered to be placed among the orders of the day and the House bills ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 1st, 1861.

HON. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has passed the following House bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida volunteers and others who have not been paid for ser-

vices actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians.

Very Respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 1st, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has concurred in House amendments to a bill to be entitled an act to change the times for holding the Courts of the Western Judicial Circuit.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read.

Also the following

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 1st, 1861.

HON. JOHN. B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has this day passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12th, 1849;

A bill to be entitled an act for the enforcement of the laws of this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company;

House bill to be entitled an act to declare Peas creek a navigable stream.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and the Senate bills ordered to be placed among the orders of the day, and the House bill which had passed the Senate, ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Holloman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following bills and resolutions as correctly enrolled, viz:

An act to reorganize the county of Brevard, and for other purposes;

An act authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to furnish a seal of office to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia county;

An act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden, former Sheriff and Tax-Collector of the county of Putnam;

An act for the relief of A. D. Rogero, Sheriff of St. Johns county;

An act to repeal an act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county;

An act to allow Matthew L. McKinney to assume the management of his own estate;

An act to amend the acts creating liens in favor of builders, material men, mechanics, laborers and others;

An act to amend the Schools Laws of this State so far as has reference to the counties of Columbia, Suwannee, New River, Lafayette and Sumter;

An act for the relief of Walton county relative to the School Fund;

An act to incorporate the Pensacola and Mobile Railroad and Manufacturing Company.

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State, which was returned to the House on yesterday by a Committee from the Senate, the Senate refusing to concur in the House amendment thereto, was first taken up;

On motion, the House not receding from its amendments, a Committee consisting of the Judiciary Committee was appointed as a Committee of Conference to confer with the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Mays, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—24.

Nays—Messrs. Hull, VanZant and Wells—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Mays moved that the bill just passed be reconsidered;

Which was agreed to, and on motion, the further consideration of the same postponed until Tuesday next.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Holland of Franklin without previous notice was allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an act for the defence of the Port of Apalachicola;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking the marks and brands of cattle drove or shipped from the counties of Sumpter, Hillsborough and Mannatee,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the service of civil process in certain cases,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize a volunteer corps in the counties of Franklin and Calhoun,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to customs and collectors at the ports of Florida,

Which was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—32.

Nays—None.

So the bill was adopted—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the town of Marianna, approved January 8th, 1853;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to improve the navigation of the harbor and bay of Apalachicola;

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge and define the jurisdiction and establish certain rules of practice of the Courts of Equity in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the criminal laws of t State; and

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the atta ment laws now in force in this State.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT Chairman.

Which was received and read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge and define the jurisdiction and establish certain rules of practice in the Courts of Equity in this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Russell, Scott, Williams and Wilkinson—24.

Nays—Messrs. Wells and Yates—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Criminal Laws of this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Wells, Williams and Wilkinson—27.

Nay—Mr. Yates—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to improve the navigation of the Harbor and Bay of Apalachicola,

Was on motion placed back on its second reading; and

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the House went into Committee of the Whole for its consideration, Mr. Canova in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee arose and through their Chairman, reported the bill back to the House.

Upon the question of the adoption of the amendments proposed bp the Committee on Internal Improvements, the yeas and nays were called for and were as follows:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando,

Hull, Mays, Means, Mickler, Oliver, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams, and Yates—21.

Nays—Messrs. Coffee, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Lee, Newburn, Pooser, VanZant, Wells and Wilkinson—9.

So the amendment was adopted.

The following amendment to said bill was offered by Mr. Holland of Franklin:

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the city of Apalachicola shall have power and they are hereby authorized to levy and collect a tax for the payment of said bonds, and the interest thereon upon all goods, wares and merchandize received at the port of Apalachicola as imports or exports, and provide for said taxation by ordinances of the city of Apalachicola.

Upon which, the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Newburn and Pooser—3.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Mays, Means, Mickler, Oliver, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—21.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Holland of Franklin offered the following amendment to said bill:

Sec. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That the county of Franklin be and it is hereby relieved from paying State taxes for five years: *Provided*, *however*, That said county shall pay its own jurors and Court expenses;

Upon which, the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Lee, Pooser, Russell, Wells and Wilkinson—8.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Holland of Hernando, Mays, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Price, Richardson, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—16.

So the amendment was lost, and the bill with amendment of Committee on Internal Improvement ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on Monday.

The rule being waived, Mr. Russell moved that Messrs. Bellamy and Scott have leave of absence until Tuesday next, one o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

The rule being waived, Mr. Russell moved that Mr. Holloman be placed on the Committee of Ways and Means in place of Mr. Bowne, excused;

Which was agreed to.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holland of Franklin asked that the bill concerning the navigation of the harbor and bay of Apalachicola just ordered to be engrossed be returned to him.

Which was agreed to.

On motion, the House adjourned until Monday morning, 10 o'clock.

MONDAY, February 4th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, the reading of the journal of Saturday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 2d, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has passed the following resolution, viz:

Joint resolution to speed the publication of the laws.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PAKKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read, and the resolution ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 2d, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has instructed me to return to the House the following bill passed the Senate on yesterday, and returned to the Senate to-day without amendments, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others, who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the Town of Marianna, approved Jan'y 8th, 1853,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates —24.

Nays—Messrs. Bissell and Clyatt—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Holloman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled, viz:

An Act to allow A. J. Baker of the County of Volusia to practice medicine in said County;

An Act to authorize William L. J. Duncan and Elizabeth Zipperer, to establish a Toll-Bridge across the Suwannee and Alafia rivers.

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking of the marks and brands of cattle driven or shipped from the counties of Sumter, Hillsborough and Manatee;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the service of civil process in certain cases; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to organize a Volunteer Corps in the counties of Franklin and Calhoun.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was received and read and said bills placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the taking of the marks and brands of Cattle drove or shipped from the counties of Sumter, Hillsborough and Manatee,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Clyatt, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—27.

Nay—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the service of Civil process in certain cases,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Clyatt, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of Bonds to the extent of one million of dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning roads and highways in St. Johns county, in this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Clyatt, Dansby, Hawes, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment,

Was, the rule being waived, read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the rules be waived to allow him to introduce a bill to be entitled an act for the government of the military forces of the State of Florida;

Which was agreed to and said bill received and ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

On motion, the rule was waived and said bill read the first and second times by its title and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Holland, Russell, Coffee, Williams and Bissell.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act to authorize the appointment of measurers and inspectors and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Clyatt, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of

Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to organize a volunteer corps in the counties of Franklin and Calhoun,

Was read the third and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Lee, Newburn, Pooser, Price, VanZant, Wells and Wilkinson—9.

Nays—Messrs. Bissell, Broxson, Campbell, Clyatt, Collins, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Oliver, Richardson, Stewart, Vogt, Williams and Yates—17.

So the bill was lost.

Senate bill to be entitled an act concerning pilotage for the port of Cedar Keys,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissell, Campbell, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the city of Fernandina,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City,

Came upon its third reading, and on motion, the rule waived, and the bill placed back upon its second reading, and sundry amendments offered and adopted, and the bill read the third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed as amended—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

The following communication relative to Revenue and Taxation, was received from the Comptroller of Public Accounts:

	AMOUNT OF REVENUE ASSESSED FOR 1860.	AM'T OF REVENUE PAID IN FROM 1st JAN'Y, 1860, TO 4th FEB'Y, 1861.
Alachua,	$7,800 22	$6 70
Brevard,		
Calhoun,	1,004 68	1,004 68
Columbia,		
Clay,	1,062 23	453 32
Dade,		
Duval,	4,209 70	4,053 39
Escambia,	2,737 99	
Franklin,	3,367 38	3,367 38
Gadsden,	8,415 00	
Hamilton,	3,393 32	3,162 59
Hillsborough,	2,502 42	2,502 42
Hernando,	2,448 88	2,038 74
Holmes,	455 77	388 02
Jackson,	9,866 23	10 25
Jefferson,	10,130 81	10,130 81
Leon,	15,887 24	12,515 30
Levy,	1,026 88	1,026 88
Liberty,	1,152 10	583 20
Lafayette,	728 13	
Madison,	7,274 18	6,943 70
Monroe,	1,918 51	1,918 50
Manatee,		
Nassau,	3,726 77	3,296 47
New River,	2,211 01	
Orange,	749 63	356 87
Putnam,	1,786 03	530 81
St. Johns,	1,659 58	56 25
Sumter,	1,380 13	1,170 46
Suwannee,	1,615 97	1,615 97
Santa Rosa,		1,377 06
Taylor,	609 91	609 91
Volusia,	760 02	380 12
Washington,	1,111 53	922 00
Wakulla,	2,364 09	2,364 09
Walton,	1,113 70	1,113 70
Marion,	4,527 11	3,273 14
	$108,997 15	$67,352 73

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, February 4th, 1861.

There have been some partial payments made by Sheriffs of fines not included in this statement, but will be embodied in the Treasurer's report.

R. C. WILLIAMS, *Comptroller.*

TREASURY OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, February 1, 1861.

Hon. J. B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of House of Representatives:

SIR:—I respectfully submit a statement of the quarter ending yesterday, showing the amount received into and disbursed from the Treasury since last report, ending 31st October, 1860:

Received on revenue 1860,		$59,555 46
" "	1859,	344 92
" "	1861,	72 66
" "	1855,	653 54
" licenses,		804 00
" fines,		660 00
" auction tax,		439 70
		$62,530 28

Which has been disbursed as follows:

For tenth General Assembly,	$7,128 34
For General Convention,	10,030 95
For Jurors and Witnesses,	1,6292 20
For criminal prosecutions and contingent expenses Circuit Courts,	12,018 29
For interest on State debt,	5,200 00
For Judicial Department,	7,375 00
For Executive Department,	900 00
For Military Department,	75 00
For Contingent Fund,	1,805 57
For Supreme Court,	127 80
For maintainance of lunatics,	210 60
For post mortem examinations,	249 50
For Presidential election,	90 60
For public property,	252 38
For balance,	774 05
	$62,530 28

Respectfully,
C. H. AUSTIN, *Treasurer.*

Which was read, and 80 copies of the same ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb'y 2d, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I have approved and signed the following bills and resolutions, viz:

An act to change the name of Big Spring Creek in Jackson county to Spring River;

Resolution in favor of Neil J. McKinnon;

An act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts in the Middle Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida;

An act permanently to locate the county site of Volusia county;

Resolution suggesting a reduction of the price of land to the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

An act to incorporate the Town of Campbellton;

An act to authorize the Judge of the Middle Circuit of Florida to hold an extra term of Circuit Court in Hamilton county; and,

An act to re-establish the records of the county of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb. 2d, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate and
House of Representatives:

The people of the State having declared themselves a sovereign and independent nation, the duty of providing by law proper measures for the defence of that sovereignty and independence is, by the Constitution, cast upon the Executive and Legislative branches of the Government of the State, and it is particularly my duty to call your attention to such matters as may seem to me to justify the belief that the State is in danger from any foe, and to call on you to unite with me in defending her from injury. The occurrences of the last two months sufficiently indicate, that this State and any others of the slaveholding States which have or yet may decide to separate from any political connection with the non-slaveholding States of the late American Union, will not be permitted to accomplish such separation in a peaceable manner, and that they must maintain the independence which they assert and claim to have the right to assume, by a show of force, perhaps by an actual resort to arms, however powerful may be

the argument on which we rely to justify our separation. However much we may be convinced of our right to adopt the course which, as a people we have determined to pursue, to avert from us and our posterity the calamities which we feared would befall us and them from the continuance of a government, in a just share of the power of which we could not reasonably expect to enjoy—although the wrong and injuries we had experienced, without any adequate redress from the government of the United States were such as rendered the advantages we derived from it no adequate compensation for the evils to which it left us exposed; and although, we as a free, enlightened and christian people, have, after long suffering, and expostulation with those who sought to injure us under the forms of legislation, and under the shield of the Union, have been driven to the exercise of the right to reassume to our State the powers delegated to the Federal Union of States which existed under the Constitution of the United States, which right is plain and incontestible by any of the principles upon which the independence of the American Colonies was placed by the illustrious men who framed and adopted the declaration of the reasons which governed the people of the Colonies in their action; yet it is manifest that the inhabitants of the non-slaveholding States are hardening their hearts against all signs and evidences which justify our exodus from among them, and that like Egyptians of old, they are not willing that we should depart in peace from our state of bondage, but in the spirit of the oppressor, they seek to tighten their grasp upon a people who have been to them an abundant source of profit and advantage, and are preparing their host to follow after and to return us to a captivity, the latter end of which must be worse than the first. Whilst President Buchanan has officially declared that he has no power to employ the military and naval forces under his control in any overt act of hostility against any of the States which have dissolved their connection with the late Federal Union—yet it is apparent that he supports officers of the army under his control in the hostile occupation of portions of the territory of this State, and our sister State of South Carolina—permits his General and members of his Cabinet to set on foot military expeditions against us, reinforce forts, order men-of-war to hover on our coast in hostile array, and has advised Congress to pass laws for the purpose of collecting revenue from imposts into our State by means of armed vessels. This conduct of President Buchanan, which is totally at war with our claim of independence and sovereignty, is not only recognized to be correct and supported by the Representatives of the non-slaveholding States sitting in Congress at Washington, and claiming to be the Congress of the United States, but they have, by speech and votes, manifested a firm resolve to disregard

the act of the people done in Convention, dissolving the political ties which united us with the people whom they represent, and declare their purpose so soon as they can attain further power by the inauguration of a President elected by themselves, without the voice and in direct opposition to the will of our people, to use all the military and naval power which they may be enabled to acquire the possession and control of, to subjugate our people and those of the States concurring with us, and to compel us to submit to that government which we resolved to throw off because its further continuance menaced the destruction of our rights and liberties. We have unmistakable evidence of every kind that is significant and reliable, that the people of the non-slaveholding States sustain the action and declared purposes of those whom they chose by a large majority of their voices to represent them and rule us. We have seen Legislatures of the great States of New York, Ohio and Massachusetts, passing resolutions pledging men and money to aid in fastening upon us again the chains with which they hope to attach us forever to a condition of bondage and vassalage to an unfriendly people. No friendly voice was lifted in the councils of these States to defend our action and to maintain our right to throw off a government which, in our opinions, no longer conferred on us those blessings of peace and domestic tranquility which it was founded to secure. No one was heard to utter that truth which our ancestors had inserted in their declaration of independence, "that all governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed." Of all the mighty thousands of Northern men whom we were beseeched to trust to as a sufficient means to guard us against the ruin which we foresaw in the impending ascendancy of the Black Republican party, not even a respectable minority in the Legislatures alluded to opposed their votes to such foul acts of unfriendly power. No lover of human liberty was heard to exclaim, wherever people calling themselves Republicans were, through their Representatives, offering to furnish the means to compel millions of their fellow men, their equals, and lately their fellow-citizens, to submit to a government under which they honestly believed they could not enjoy their admitted and just rights. No Burke, no Barre, no Fox declared against acts of tyranny, far more odious and cruel than those which a North and a Bute perpetrated under the authority of a crown, and which found illustrious patriots ready to denounce in the hearing of the mighty monarch who sat on the throne of Great Britain. We are not only assured that force of arms is to be employed to compel us to pass under the yoke of Black Republican rule, by the evidences I have alluded to, derived from legislative proceedings of the State Legislatures and of representative men in Congress from non-slaveholding States, but daily the press and the pulpit

pour forth denunciations against our people and earnestly count the days yet to lapse when they fervently hope to see their representative man, Abraham Lincoln, enthroned at Washington in undisputed possession of all the machinery of government, supported by the military chieftain, who, like Napoleon at Paris, coolly and deliberately, without remorse or hesitancy, plants the cannon that is to mow down, at his word of command, his fellow-citizens, whom a love of liberty may urge to make an effort to save the tomb of Washington from remaining in the keeping of those who have forgotten his precepts and have, by the organization of a sectional party, destroyed the Government and buried the spirit of the Constitution. We are forewarned of coming attacks upon our political and civil liberties, and shall we not be forearmed? We have yet heard but the mutterings of the thunder, but the storm is not afar off. It may pass by us, but let us be prepared to meet it firmly, and avert from our people the injury with which it threatens them. Let us remember the voice of that illustrious southerner, whose mortal remains lie entombed on the banks of the Potomac, who counselled us in "time of peace to prepare for war." Let us arm for the contest, and perchance, by a show of our force and our readiness for the combat, we may escape the realities of war. Already our brethren of the Southern States are arming—we too have made some preparation, but much remains undone. We see that even the slaveholding States of Missouri, Tennessee, Virginia and North Carolina, which have not yet cut loose the ties which connect them politically with the non-slaveholding States, are arming for the contest. In Virginia the people are ahead of the Legislature, and have, in their county meetings, empowered the county authorities to put the militia on a war footing, and have raised funds for the purchase of arms and ammunition. All these signs and tokens warn us to be ready to defend our rights. With the notes of hostile preparation sounding in our ears, with the example of our brethren (whose fate we must share) to stimulate us, is it not our duty to prepare to sustain, by our arms, what we have determined upon in our counsels?

We who were emulous of being foremost in dissolving the Union, should not be laggard in preparing for the contest. We have taken the field. Our flag is unfurled at Pensacola, where our gallant troops, standing shoulder to shoulder with the brave volunteers from our sister States, who, with a noble, generous chivalry, stand ready to obey our orders and co-operate with us most cordially in our time of need. Let us make provisions to keep them under arms and to call out and support them by others should they be needed. The State expects us to do our duty, the people will do theirs. I invite you therefore to lend me your aid and to unite with me in providing for the calling into service

such a number of troops as may be equal to our defence, when assisted as we shall be by our sister States, who are preparing to unite their political fortunes with ours.

I also suggest to you that you should make special appropriations for the pay and maintenance of as many troops as may be called into service, and for the purchase of munitions of war, transportation of troops, and other expenses incidental to the defences of the State.

The States of Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina, which have dissolved their connection with the late federal Union, have elected delegates to meet with those sent from this State to the Convention to be held at Montgomery, Alabama, on the fourth day of this month, being the day suggested by a majority of the seceding States. We may expect, therefore, that the Convention will at an early day form a provisional government for the States represented, and call for troops and money from the confederates. The quota of Florida will not be large, but we should proceed to organize the force which we are likely to be called on to furnish, and appropriate the means necessary for the maintenance and pay of them and our quota of the expense of the common defence.

I am not able to lay before you an estimate of the amount necessary, but will readily confer with Committees of your bodies with a view to ascertain what sum of money may be required therefor. Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Russell, 500 copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Blounts Ferry Railroad,

Was read the second time, and the amendments proposed by the Committee on Corporations adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of a Tax Assessor and Collector for Sumter county, &c.,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to crimes and misdemeanors,

Was read the second time, and the amendments proposed by the Joint Committee on the Judiciary adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Edward M. West, Justice of the Peace of Leon county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—27.

Nay—Mr. Coffee—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

The following communication was received from the Treasurer:

TREASURY OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb. 4, 1861.

HON. J. B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—Agreeable to a House resolution, I herewith submit a statement shewing the amount of Interest paid upon the Bonds of the several Railroad Companies of the system; also amounts reserved from them on net earnings account and sinking fund account.

THE FLORIDA RAILROAD.

Amount in'ts paid for this Co.,		$195,895 00
Add am'nt land dividend and stock in'ts reported by this Co.,		19,265 91
		$215,160 91
For which has been received on net earning account,	$ 9,636 82	
In stock certificates,	130,100 00	
		139,736 82
Due the Fund,		$ 75,424 09

Coupons due March 1, 1861 for $1680 have been sent from this Co., in addition to above, to be applied to their net earning account, but not yet admitted to credit by Trustees of the Fund.

THE PENSACOLA AND GEORGIA RAILROAD.

Am't of ints. paid for the Company,		$43,497 75
Am't rec'd on net earnings acc't,	$8,200 00	
Certificates of stock rec'd,	26,900 00	
		35,100 00
Due Fund,		$8,397 75

THE FLORIDA, ATLANTIC AND GULF CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Am't int. paid for this Company,.....		$24,815 00
Am't rec'd on net earnings acc't,.....	$6,198 71	
Am't certified stock, ...	16,300 00	
		22,498 00
Due Fund,.....		$2,317 00

THE TALLAHASSEE RAILROAD.

This Company have paid in on Sinking Fund acc't, $6,635 00

Respectfully,

C. H. AUSTIN,

Treasurer of the Fund.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Blount, 80 copies of the same ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

The following communication was received from the Secretary of Internal Improvement Board:

TALLAHASSEE, Feb'y 4th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: In answer to House resolution inquiring whether the several Railroads accepting the provisions of the "Act to encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State," have made semi-annual reports of gross receipts and net earnings as provided by the 11th section, I am instructed by the Trustees to communicate the statement of their reports as on file.

The Florida, Atlantic and Gulf Central Railroad Company have reported from Jan'y 1st, 1859, to July 1st, 1860, (at which time their road was finished,) as follows:

Gross receipts,.....	$49,818 84
Deduct expenses,.....	37,476 11
Leaves net earnings, ...	12,342 73

The Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company have reported from commencement of their road to July 1st, 1860, as follows:

Gross receipts,.....	$44,955 66
Deduct expenses,.....	35,968 05
Leaves net earnings, ...	9,987 61

The Florida Railroad Company have reported from the 1st of March, 1858, to 31st of August, 1859, as follows:

Gross receipts,.....	$70,383 72
Deduct expenses,.....	56,508 67
Leaves nett earnings,.....	13,875 05

All of which is respect'y submitted,
Your obedient servant,
F. L. VILLEPIGUE,
Sec'y Board Trus. In't Imp. Fund.

Which was read, and 80 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the College of St. Augustine to be located at St. Augustine,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate resolution for the relief of George B. Ellis of Alachua county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua Railroad Company,

Was read the second time and the amendments offered by the Committee on Corporations were adopted, and the bill, with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Wekiver creek and Clay Spring river, &c.

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Chipola river and for other purposes,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the several Banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the benefit of Ellis W. Hankins of Santa Rosa county,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell and Wilkinson—20.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Coffee, Vogt, Williams and Yates—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—none.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Major General Hopkins,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved Jan'y 12th, 1849,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the rule was waived, and he was allowed to introduced the following resolutions:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida, That this House will use all its constitutional power to aid the Governor in support of the honor and safety of this State, and in the support of the Government created by the Convention of the people of Florida; and that a special Committee of three

members be appointed by the House to wait on his Excellency and inform him of the passage of this resolution.

Resolved further, That a special Committee of five be appointed, to whom shall be referred the special message of his Excellency, and who shall confer with a like Committee from the Senate, and shall wait on his Excellency and confer with him on the measures that may be necessary to defend the State of Florida; and that the Seaate be requested to appoint a like Committee to act with the House Committee.

Which were read the first and second times, rule waived, read the third time and adopted.

The Speaker in pursuance of the first resolution appointed Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Mickler and Blount such Committee.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida Mutual Fire and Marine Insurance Company,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the enforcement of the laws of this State,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee to the on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee,

Read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an act for the defence of the port of Apalachicola,

Was read the second time and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Blount and Pooser.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating wharfage in the city of Apalachicola,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize suits at common law to be instituted against married women in Florida, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the trial of slaves and free persons of color in this State,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act governing divorces in this State,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the pilotage of St. Johns bar,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the fees of Port Wardens of the city of Apalachicola and for other purposes,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 22d section of the act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of internal improvements in this State, approved January 6th, 1855.

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 5th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Means, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The rule being waived, the following bills were introduced without previous notice, viz:

By Mr. Means:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the appointment of Constables and defining the duties of Justices of the Peace in certain cases.

By Mr. Holland of Franklin:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the public expenditures.

By Mr. Williams:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the raising of two regiments of Infantry and one of Cavalry or mounted Riflemen.

By Mr. Galbraith:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a Digest of the Ordinances and Statutes of this State;

Which were received and the bills ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred the following bills, have carefully examined the same and recommend their passage, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Light Company;

A bill to be entitled an act to relieve the Town Council of the Town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said Town;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the security of the citizens of this State transacting business with foreign corporations.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, through Mr. Pooser, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, having for consideration a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. Jas. D. Smith of Hillsborough county, to grant unto the said Jas. D. Smith permission to practice medicine in the county aforesaid, and to receive a reasonable compensation for the same. We therefore, after having due consultation, recommend that the bill do pass.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, having under consideration a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James McCormick and others, to allow him to peddle goods so as to enable him to procure a living for himself and family, he being an invalid and not able to labor, the Committee having duly consulted, recommend that the said bill do pass.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, having before them Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Atzerotte and many petitioners of Manatee county, having duly considered the case before them, do agree and recommend that the said bill do pass.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee of Conference appointed on the part of the House on the consideration of sundry amendments made by the House to a Senate bill entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors in this State, made the following report:

The Committee of Conference on the bill to be entitled an act to change the mode of selecting Grand and Petit Jurors

REPORT:

They have agreed to all the House amendments, with the following addition, in the 9th section, 1st line, of printed bill, after the word "that," insert "in all capital cases the Court in its discretion may order special venires, and"; after the word "all," same line, same section, insert "such"; after the word "whole" insert the word "undrawn."

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.
A. C. BLOUNT,
Chairman House Committee.

Which was read and the amendments proposed therein adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Canova, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report as correctly Enrolled the following bills, viz:

An act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians;

An act to declare Pease Creek a navigable steam.

A. A. CANOVA, Chairman.

Which was read.

The Committee on Public Lands made the following report:

The Committee on Public Lands having the subject of Lands

under consideration, direct me to report the accompanying bill to the House and ask its passage.

Respectfully submitted,
C. C. COFFEE, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Franklin, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The Special Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the defence of the Port of Apalachicola, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT:

That the Port of Apalachicola is entirely undefended by fortifications, water batteries, or any other means to repel aggression from the sea-board—that from its peculiar geographical position, defences of that character would involve more expense than the present pecuniary ability of the State can sustain, and your Committee are under the impression that the bill herewith submitted will provide the only possible means of defence which the present emergency demands. They, therefore, recommend the accompanying bill as a substitute, and that the same do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
D. P. HOLLAND, Chairman.
A. C. BLOUNT,
J. H. POOSER.

Which was received, and the accompanying bill and substitute placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 2d, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following House bill with amendments, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the Pleading and Practice in the Courts of this State.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the Senate amendments thereto adopted by the House and said bill ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Feb'y 2d, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has passed the following bill, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to organize Baker county.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,

Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Feb'y 4th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Halstead H. Hoeg and assignees:

A bill to be entitled an act requiring of Circuit Courts to set specific days for the trial of cases wherein three or more witnesses are subpœned;

A bill to be entitled an act to secure certain rights to married women;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company in relation to election of Directors;

House bill to be entitled an act to organize the county of Polk from the counties of Hillsborough and Brevard, with amendments;

House bill to be entitled an act to permit Erasmus Thompson of Hillsborough county to practice law in the several Courts of this State;

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the admission of attornies.

Also the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House be and they are hereby authorized to despatch the engrossed copies of bills, after the same shall have been duly enrolled, to the Governor's Secretary, to be by him retained until the laws shall have been finally copied, and afterwards deposited in the office of Secretary of State.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,

Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read, and the House bills ordered to be enrolled, and Senate bills and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 4th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following constitutional amendment bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the amended Constitution of the State of Florida in relation to the sessions of the General Assembly;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 7th section of the 13th article of the Constitution of this State.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Franklin, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the government of the military forces of the State of Florida, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they recommend that the bill do pass with the following amendment:

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That no officer shall receive pay for any servant, whether on duty or not, but shall be entitled to draw one ration for each servant in actual service.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
D. P. HOLLAND, Chairman,
JAS. S. RUSSELL,
C. C. COFFEE,
THEO. BISSELL,
JOS. JOHN WILLIAMS.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Russell, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the same back to the House without amendment and recommend that the said bill do pass.

JAS. S. RUSSELL,
JACOB H. POOSER,
G. W. MEANS,
A. S. COLE.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The rule being waived, Mr. Canova, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to clear out and improve the navigation of Yellow river, in West Florida, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT:

That, upon examination of the provisions of this act, they are satisfied that the State and its citizens are fully protected thereby. They therefore recommend that the said bill do pass, with the following amendment, to wit:

Insert the words "for three months" between the word "notice" and the word "in," in the thirty-first line of the 10th section.

A. A. CANOVA, Chairman.

Which was received and read and said bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Hernando, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to aid the civil authorities of corporate towns, having examined the same and deeming the passage of such an act unnecessary, ask leave to report the same back to the House with a recommendation that it do not pass.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Joint resolution to speed the publication of the laws,

Was read the first time, and on motion, was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Williams moved that the rule be waived and he be allowed to introduce the following bill without having given previous notice:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the act of 1851 providing for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning;

Which was agreed to, and said bill received and placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize suits at common law to be instituted against married women in Florida, and for other purposes,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Major General Benjamin Hopkins,

Was read a second time when Mr. Russell moved the indefinite postponement of the same, upon which the yeas and nays being called, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Broxson, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, McCormick, Means, Pooser, Russell, Vogt, Wells and Williams—19.

Nays—Messrs. Blount, Canova, Clyatt, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Lee, Love, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Richardson, VanZant, Wilkinson and Yates—14.

So the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua County Railroad Company; and

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Blount Ferry Railroad Company.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and said bills placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua County Railroad,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—33.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Blount Ferry Railroad Company,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—33.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Weekiva creek and Clay Spring river, and reclaim the Swamp and Overflowed lands on said streams,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Russell, Wilkinson and Yates—24.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Holland of Franklin, Oliver, Scott, Vogt, Wells and Williams—7.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the rule was waived, and he was allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an act giving Justices of the Peace jurisdiction in all sums not exceeding one hundred dollars exclusive of interest and costs;

Which was received, and placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Chipola river and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Russell, Wells, Wilkinson and Yates—25.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Oliver and Vogt—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the fees of Port Wardens of the city of Apalachicola, and for other purposes,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating wharfage in the city of Apalachicola,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the pilotage of St. Johns bar,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Pensacola,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to relieve the town Council of the town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said town, and for other purposes,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola Gas Light Company,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time by its title and put upon its passage, on which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the security of citizens of this State transacting business with foreign corporations,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Atzerotte,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Dr. James D. Smith,

Was read a second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the rule be waived and that he be allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State with regard to the offence of malicious mischief;

Which was agreed to and said bill received and placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of James McCormick,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—28.

Nays—Messrs. Haddock, Means and Vogt—3.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved that the rule be waived in order that he be allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Withlacoochee river and for reclaiming the swamp and overflowed land on said river;

Which was agreed to, and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of Public Lands in this State, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and 80 copies ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

A bill to be entitled an act for the defence of the port of Apalachicola,

Was read the second time, and the substitute reported by a Select Committee adopted, rule waived, read a third time by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nay—Mr. Bissell—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the raising of two regiments of Infantry and one of Cavalry or Mounted Riflemen,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to a Select Committee of three, consisting of Messrs. Blount, Holland of Franklin and Williams.

On motion, 80 copies of said bill were ordered to be printed for the use of the House.

The Speaker appointed, as the Special Committee of five, in pursuance of a resolution relating to the Governor's Message respecting State defences adopted on yesterday, Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Blount, Love, Canova and Hawes.

On motion, a committee, consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Wells and Price, were appointed to inform the Senate of the adoption of the resolution above referred to on yesterday by the House.

The rule being waived, Mr. Hawes gave notice that he would on to-morrow ask leave to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to empower the Treasurer of the State to employ a clerk.

The rule being waived, Mr. Hawes offered the following resolution:

Resolution authorizing the Treasury to make temporary arrangements to meet the present expenses of the State;

Upon the question of its passage, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Love, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Vogt, Wells, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—31.

Nay—Mr. Holland of Franklin—1.

So the resolution was adopted.

On motion, Messrs. Blount, Love and Scott were appointed a Committee to convey said resolution to the Senate and request their concurrence.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Davidson and Jones waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had referred the special message of his Excellency the Governor to the Committee on Militia of the Senate, who would act as a joint Committee with the same Committee of the House.

A bill to be entitled an act for the government of the military forces of the State of Florida,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a digest of the ordinances and statutes of this State,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the act of 1851, providing for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning,

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the appointment of Constables, and defining the duties of Justices of the Peace in certain cases,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the Public Expenditures,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to secure certain rights to Married Women,

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring of Circuit Courts to set specific days for the trial of causes wherein three or more witnesses are subpœnaed,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the admission of Attorneys ;

The rule waived, read first and second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Halstead H. Hoeg and assignees ;

Rule waived, read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on Claims.

A bill to be entitled an act giving Justices of the Peace jurisdiction in all sums not exceeding one hundred dollars, exclusive of interest and costs ;

Rule waived, read the first and second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for Stay of Executions ;

Rule waived, read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State with regard to malicious mischief ;

Rule waived, read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau County in certain cases,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Haddock offered the following amendment: Strike out in the 7th line of the 1st section the words, "or at the town of Fernandina;"

Which was adopted, and the bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the amended Constitution of the State of Florida in relation to the sessions of the General Assembly,

Was read three times as of the first day and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 7th section of the 13th article of the Constitution of this State,

Was read three times as of the first day and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate an Insurance Company in the City of Apalachicola, to be called the Florida Home Insurance Company,

Was read the second time and the amendments proposed thereto adopted.

Mr. Holland of Franklin offered the following amendment to said bill:

Amend the bill by striking out the words "Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars," in the 1st section, and insert "Two Millions," and strike out the words "Ten Dollars" in the 19th line of the 2d section, and insert "One Dollar."

Which was adopted, and said bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with, to plead and be impleaded,

Was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others,

Was read the second time, and the following amendment offered by Mr. Blount: Strike out the entire second section;

Which was adopted and the bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Withlacooche river and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

Rule waived, read first and second times by its title.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved to amend said bill by adding the words, "and the Apalachicola river;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Blount moved to amend said bill by adding the words, "Escambia river" after the words Apalachicola river;

Which was lost.

On motion said bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 6th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

On motion, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The rule being waived, the following bill was introduced without previous notice, viz:

By Mr. Love:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit negroes and others than white men from being employed as samplers of cotton;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The following bills were introduced in pursuance of previous notice, viz:

By Mr. Love:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide the mode and manner of giving notice in actions of ejectment.

By Mr. Hawes:

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Treasurer to employ a Clerk.

Which were received, and said bills placed among the orders of the day.

The following report was received from the Joint Committee of the Judiciary of the House and Senate:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the 22d section of the act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvement in this State, approved Jan'y 6th, 1855, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the same back to the House and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Commitee.

GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize suits at common law to be instituted against married women in Florida, and for other purposes, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to recommend the Senate bill upon the same subject in lieu of the House bill referred as aforesaid.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee,
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts heretofore named with the powers which were possessed by the late District Court of the United States, and for other purposes, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report, that they recommend a bill from the Senate referred to the Committee to be acted upon in lieu of the House bill referred as aforesaid.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee,
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State with regard to malicious mischief, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the bill back to the House and recommend its passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee,
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 5th, 1861.

HON. JOHN. B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has this day passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act providing for carrying the mails;

A bill to be entitled an act relative to the Common School Fund of Washington and Holmes counties;

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts;

A bill to be entitled an act requiring Railroad Companies to maintain proper cattle guards and railroad crossings;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for writs of error in criminal cases;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hillsborough county to borrow money;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, Wm. J. Keyser and others, owners of wharf property at Milton, Santa Rosa county, to establish and charge rates of wharfage;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Donald Cameron, Justice of the Peace for Leon county;

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent breaches of trust by Telegraph Operators;

A bill to be entitled an act for a stay of executions; and

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to Sheriffs.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was received and read and said bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 5th, 1861.

HON. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of the members of the General Assembly.

Very Respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was received and read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 5th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund;

A bill to be entitled an act to encourage the formation of mounted and cavalry companies in this State for military services;

A bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Commerce at Fernandina;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of physicians who are summoned to attend Coroners' juries, approved January 11, 1855;

House bill to be entitled an act extending the time for making demands on Railroad Companies for stock killed or injured, and for other purposes;

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of T. C. Bolling, administrator;

House bill to be entitled an act to regulate the compensation of pilots at the port of St. Marks;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the road laws of Nassau county;

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the town of Monticello, Jefferson county, in this State;

House bill to be entitled an act to locate the county site of Levy county;

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of George G. Holt and Thaddeus Rees of Wakulla county;

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklocknee river, for the purpose of erecting a mill;

Substitute to House bill to be entitled an act to prevent persons from penning or detaining stock, without the consent of the owner, in Nassau county; and

House resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and the Senate bills and substitute ordered to be placed among the orders of the day, and the House bills and resolution which had passed the Senate ordered to be enrolled.

The substitute to the House bill entitled an act to prevent persons from penning or detaining stock without the consent of the

owner, in Nassau County, mentioned in the message from the Senate,

Was taken up and adopted, and the same ordered to be enrolled.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of contractors surveying public Lands in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the security of the citizens of this State transacting business with foreign corporations;

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to Crimes and Misdemeanors;

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the fees of Port Wardens of the City of Apalachicola, and other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of Tax Assessor and Collector for Sumter County and for other purposes:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the Pilotage of St. Johns bar;

A bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the several Banks of this State, to the Governor and Comptroller.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the rule be waived to allow him to introduce a bill to be entitled an act to establish a Bank in the City of Apalachicola, to be called the Western Bank of Florida:

Which was agreed to, and said bill received and placed among the orders of the day.

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A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of contractors surveying public lands in this State,

Came upon its third reading, and on motion, was placed back on its second reading, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, McCormick, Oliver, Pooser, Russell, Scott, Stewart, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—30.

Nays—Messrs. Mays and Richardson—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the security of the citizens of this State in transacting business with foreign corporations,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Means, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Wilkinson—27.

Nays—Messrs. Bissell, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Love, Mays, McCormick, VanZant and Yates—7.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to crimes and misdemeanors,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Vogt, Williams and Wilkinson—27.

Nays—Messrs. Campbell, Haddock, VanZant and Yates—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Davidson, Jones and Magbee waited upon the House and requested the return of a bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam acres the Ocklockonee river, for the purpose of erecting a mill.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the fees of Port Wardens of the city of Apalachicola, and for other purposes,

Was read the third and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of

Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, Means, Mickler, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams Wilkinson and Yates—28.

Nay—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of a Tax-Assessor and Collector for Sumter county, and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mays, Mickler, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the pilotage at St. Johns bar,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Mickler, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—33.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the several Banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Mickler, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the rules be waived and he be allowed to introduce the following resolution:

A resolution to aid Volunteers of the State of Florida;

Which was agreed to, and said resolution read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on Militia.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 7th section of the 13th article of the Constitution of this State,

Was read three times as of the second day and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the amended Constitution of the State of Florida in relation to the sessions of the General Assembly,

Was read three times as of the second day and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the Speaker appointed a Committee consisting of Messrs. Love, Bird and Scott, to return a bill to the Senate to be entitled an act authorizing James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklockonee river for the purpose of erecting a mill, as required by them.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to require licenses to be taken out by persons and subjects not hitherto taxed, approved January 12, 1849,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams, and Wilkinson—24.

Nays—Messrs. Hawes, Howell, Holloman and Yates—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to relieve the Town Council of the Town of Milton of the limits of fifty per cent. in taxation within the corporate limits of said Town and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Canova, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Joseph Atzerotte,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Clyatt, Collins, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Russell and Vogt—17.

Nays—Messrs. Coffee, Cole, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Mays, McCormick, Richardson, Scott, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—11.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief Dr. James D. Smith,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Canova, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Mickler, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Stewart and Wilkinson—20.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Broxson, Coffee, Dansby, Haddock, Holloman, Hull, Love, Mays, Newburn, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—14.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau County in certain cases,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mays, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—31.

Nay—Mr. Hull—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Williams moved that the rules be waived and he be allowed to move a reconsideration of the vote upon a bill entitled an act for the relief of Maj. Gen. Benjamin Hopkins, taken on yesterday;

Which was not agreed to.

Senate resolution relative to the copying of the laws,

Was, on motion, laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act respecting the sale of vinous or spiritous liquors to slaves or free persons of color in the city of Apalachicola,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Treasurer of this State to employ a clerk,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill entitled an act to provide for the mode and manner in giving notice in actions of ejectment,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for carrying the mails,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Mays, Blount, Pooser and Canova.

Senate bill to be entitled an act relative to the common school fund of Washington and Holmes counties,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Senate bill to be entitled an act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act requiring Railroad Companies to maintain proper cattle guards and railroad crossings,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hillsborough county to borrow money,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe, Wm. J. Keyser and others, owners of wharf property at Milton, in Santa Rosa county, to establish and charge rates of wharfage,

Was, the rule being waived, read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Commerce at Fernandina,

Was, the rule being waived, read the first and second times by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for a stay of execution,

Was, the rule being waived, read the first time by its title and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Donald Cameron, Justice of the Peace for Leon county,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to prevent breaches of trust by telegraph operators,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for writs of error in criminal cases,

Was, the rule being waived, read the first and second times by its title and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a bank in Apalachicola to be called the Western Bank of Florida,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to encourage the formation of mounted riflemen and cavalry companies in this State for military service,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senate bill to be entitled an act in relation to sheriffs,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of the members of the General Assembly,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 7th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

On motion, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The rule being waived, the following bill was introduced without previous notice:

By Mr. Parker:

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peas Creek, and to drain the Swamp and Overflowed lands thereon;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Love moved that Mr. Wilkinson from Santa Rosa county be excused for the balance of the session, after Saturday, 9th inst.;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hawes, from the Committee on Schools and Colleges, made the following report:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the act of 1851, providing for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning, having had the same under consideration ask leave to report an amendment to the bill of an additional section, viz:

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That all the provisions of this act be equally applicable to the Seminary East of the Suwannee located at Ocala.

With this amendment the Committee respectfully recommend that the bill do pass.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hawes, from the Committee on Claims, made the following report:

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Halstead H. Hoeg and assignees, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report the bill back to the House and respectfully recommend that the same be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary as a more appropriate Committee.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read, and the reference recommended by the Committee ordered to be made.

Mr. Blount, from the Committee on Ways and Means, made the following report:

The Committee of Ways and Means to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million of dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report

the same back to the House with the following amendments, and recommend the passage of the same:

From the 11th line of the 2d section strike out the words "one million" and insert the words "five hundred thousand."

Strike out all after the word "dollars" in the 12th line of the same section.

Strike out the entire 3d section and substitute the following as section third:

Be it further enacted, That the bonds and coupons on any bonds issued in pursuance of this act shall be received by the receivers of the several land offices of this State, in payment of all lands purchased by the holders thereof: *Provided*, No such coupon shall be so received more than three months prior to the time at which the same is due and payable.

And as section fifth,

Be it further enacted, That the monies arising from the sales of all the lands not otherwise appropriated belonging to the State of Florida, be, and the same are hereby set apart and appropriated for the payment of the interest which may accrue upon said bonds, and for the purpose of creating a sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds as they may respectively fall due.

The Committee further report that the provisions of the bill to be entitled an act to provide for the public expenditures, are in the opinion of the Committee fully embraced in the above mentioned bill; they therefore recommend that said bill do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. C. BLOUNT, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Pooser, from the Committee on Propositions and Grievances, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, having for consideration a bill to be entitled an act to prohibit negroes, or others than white men, from being employed as samplers of cotton, beg leave to report that they have duly considered the merits of the case, and do jointly agree that the bill do pass.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, having for consideration a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Clinton Thigpen, Sheriff of Franklin County, for monies due him from the State, for the board of Jurors, Prisoners, &c.; and after duly considering the case before us, we recommend that the bill do pass.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 5th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Criminal Laws of this State, and to provide for the punishment of abusive words.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State with regard to malicious mischief,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend the 22d section of an act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved January 6th, 1855,

Was read the second time and 80 copies ordered to be printed.

A bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts hereinafter named, with the powers which were possessed by the late District Court of the late United States,

Was read the second time and on motion laid on the table.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate an Insurance Company in the city of Apalachicola to be called the Florida Home Insurance Company;

A bill to be entitled an act regulating wharfage in the city of Apalachicola;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide the mode and manner of giving notice in actions of ejectment;

A bill to be entitled an act respecting the sale of vinous or spiritous liquors to slaves or free persons of color; and,

A bill to be entitled an act for the government of the military forces of the State of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize suits at common law to be instituted against married women in Florida, and for other purposes,

Came up on its second reading, and the Senate bill to be entitled an act to secure certain rights to married women substituted therefor, as recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, and the bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the government of the military forces of the State of Florida,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Wilkinson and Yates—31.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Lee and Yates, were appointed to convey said bill to the Senate.

A bill respecting the sale of vinous or spiritous liquors to slaves or free persons of color in the city of Apalachicola,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Wilkinson and Yates—32.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 6th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has this day passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of those States which have passed Bank Suspensions and Stay Laws from collecting debts in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the Representation of this State in the Southern Confederacy;

A bill to be entitled an act for the punishment of those persons who pretend to hold offices in this State not recognized by the laws thereof, and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes Counties to draw certain School Funds;

A bill to be entitled an act declaring of what estate Widows shall be endowed;

A bill to be entitled an act supplementary to an act to establish the Planters and Mechanics Bank of Pensacola;

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Building and Savings Association;

House bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam in this State with amendments;

A resolution relative to the adjournment of the Legislature of this State.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,

Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read, and the House bills which had passed the Senate ordered to be enrolled and the Senate bills and resolution ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

On motion the Senate joint resolution relative to adjournment of the General Assembly on Thursday next, the 14th inst.,

Was taken up and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissell, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Holland of Franklin, Holloman, Hull, Love, Means, and Russell—8.

So the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Blount, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the raising of two regiments of infantry and one of cavalry or mounted riflemen, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report:

That the third ordinance passed by the Convention recently in

session vests the Governor of this State with all the powers possessed by the President of the late United States, both civil aud military; under this ordinance the Governor has of right power for executing those proposed to be granted him by this act, and which he can at all times exercise, unless controlled by the action of the Legislative department of the government. From a critical examination of the laws of the late United State, together with the provisions of this bill, this Committee is satisfied that the power of the Governor in relation to the military arm is much restricted and controlled, and that the Treasury of the State will in no event be burdened with the support of the regiments proposed to be raised, save and except in cases of actual necessity for the employment of this force.

The Committee recommend the accompanying sections, numbered 5 and 6, as amendments to said bill, and with the same that said bill do pass.

A. C. BLOUNT,
D. P. HOLLAND,
J. J. WILLIAMS.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide the mode and manner of giving notice in actions of ejectment,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas--Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, McCormick, Means, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Scott, VanZant, Vogt and Wilkinson—28.

Nays—Messrs. Haddock, Newburn, Russell and Yates—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating wharfage in the city of Apalachicola,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate an Insurance Com-

pany in the city of Apalachicola to be called the Florida Home Insurance Company,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Clyatt, Collins, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower the Treasurer to employ a Clerk,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved the reference of the bill to a Select Committee;

Which was lost.

On motion, the bill was laid on the table.

Senate bill to be entitled an act regulating the order in which cases shall be called in the Circuit Courts,

Came up on its third reading and, on motion, placed back on its second reading and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. McCall, Simkins and McQueen, waited upon the House and returned a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Commercial Bank of Lake City, and requested the House, upon the part of the Senate, to recede from the amendments made thereto by the House.

The bill was taken up.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the House do recede from its amendments;

Which was lost.

On motion, the bill was referred to the Joint Committee on the Judiciary of the House and Senate.

Mr. Holland of Hernando then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Attorney General be requested to furnish, at as early day as possible, to this House, his written opinion in regard to the power of the General Assembly of this State to constitutionally charter a Bank with a smaller capital stock than one hundred thousand dollars, and whether it is requisite that said capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars be paid in specie before said Bank can lawfully go into operation;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wilkinson moved that the Senate bill entitled an act to amend the law of this State in relation to Coroners and juries of

inquest, which was laid on the table, be taken up and placed among the orders of the day;

Which was agreed to.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hillsborough county to borrow money,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Wilkinson and Yates—23.

Nays—Messrs. Coffee, Hull, Love, Mays and Vogt—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act governing vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam in this State was taken up, the same having passed the Senate with sundry amendments;

Which amendments were not concurred in by the House.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to clear out and improve the navigation of Yellow river in West Florida,

Was read the second time and Mr. Holland of Franklin moved to amend by adding the words Apalachicola river wherever Yellow river occurs in the bill;

Which was lost and the amendments proposed by the Committee on Internal Improvements were adopted, and the bill, as amended, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on tomorrow.

The following message was received from the Senate;

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 7th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has passed the following House resolution, with amendments, viz:

A resolution authorizing the Governor and Treasurer to make temporary arrangement to meet the present expenses of the State.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read and the resolution taken up and amendments made thereto by the Senate concurred in, and the same ordered to be enrolled.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize Joseph H. Rowe,

W. J. Keyser and other owners of wharf property at Milton, in Santa Rosa county, to establish and charge rates of wharfage,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissell, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—25.

Nays—Messrs. Love and Mays—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for the stay of executions,

Was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Holloman, the House went into Committee of the Whole for its consideration, Mr. Canova in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose and reported the bill back to the House as amended.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the bill do lie on the table;

Upon which, the yeas and nays being called, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Mays, Oliver, Parker, Price, Richardson and Williams—17.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Haddock, Hawes, Love, Pooser, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Wilkinson and Yates—13.

So the motion was carried and the bill laid on the table.

On motion, the House took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

The rules being waived, the Joint Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

The Joint Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred the following bills, viz: A bill to be entitled an act for the enforcement of the laws of this State; a bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of the Circuit Courts of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with and to plead and be impleaded; a bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment; a bill to be entitled an act in relation to the admission of attorneys, and a bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court, have had the same

under consideration and have instructed me to report the same to the House and recommend their passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS,
Chairman House Committee.
GEO. W. CALL,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read and said bills and placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of members of the Generul Assembly,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker and Mr. Love—2.

Nays—Messrs. Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Wilkinson and Yates—24.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act in relation to Sheriffs,

Was read the third time and placed back on its second reading and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act requiring Railroad Companies to maintain proper cattle guards and railroad crossings,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Mays, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt and Wilkinson—26.

Nays—Messrs. Canova, Love, VanZant and Yates—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for writs of error in criminal cases,

Was passed over informally, to come up on its third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the public expenditures,

Was on motion laid on the table.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State in relation to Coroners and juries of inquest,

Was on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds

to the extent of one million of dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida,

Was passed over informally, to come up on its third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Clinton Thigpin,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to prevent breaches of trust by Telegraph Operators,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Donald Cameron, Justice of the Peace for Leon county,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the raising of two regiments of Infantry and one of Cavalry or Mounted Riflemen,

Was read the second time, and the amendments proposed by the Select Committee adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peas creek and to drain the swamp and overflowed lands thereon,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the representation of this State in the Southern Confederacy,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the criminal laws of this State and to provide for the punishment of abusive words,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for the punishment of those persons who pretend to hold offices in this State not recognized by the laws thereof, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain school funds,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act supplemental to an act to establish the Planter's and Merchant's Bank at Pensacola;

Rule waived, read the first and second time by its title and the following amendments offered by Mr. Blount: Strike out the second section of said bill;

Which was adopted, and the bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit negroes and others than white persons from being employed as Samplers of Cotton,

Was read the second time and the following amendment offered by Mr. Love: Strike "five hundred dollars" and insert in lieu thereof, "one hundred dollars";

Which was adopted and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change and alter the times of holding the several Terms of the Supreme Court,

Was read the second time and the following amendments were offered by Mr. Holland of Franklin:

Sec. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That no appeal or writ of error shall lie or be permitted to the Supreme Court in any case, civil or criminal, which cause has been determined by a jury, or upon which a jury have rendered a verdict.

Sec. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That all laws and parts of laws conflicting with this act, be, and they are hereby repealed.

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Campbell, Carter, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Hull, Parker and Pooser—7.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Love, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Richardson, VanZant, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—20.

So the amendments were lost, and the bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the admission of Attorneys,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the enforcement of the laws of this State,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of the

Circuit Court of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with, and to plead and be impleaded,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the amended Constitution of the State of Florida in relation to the sessions of the General Assembly,

Was read three several times as of the third day and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, VanZant, Vogt and Wilkinson—35.

Nays—Messrs. Russell, Williams and Yates—3.

So the bill having received the constitutional majority, was passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 7th section of the 13th article of the Constitution of this State,

Was read three several times as of the third day and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—32.

Nays—None.

So the bill, having received the constitutional majority, was passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY, February 8th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispened with.

Mr. Love moved that the bill to be entitled an act to provide for stay of executions be taken from the table;

Which was agreed to, and said bill taken up and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved that Mr. Lee of Sumter be excused from further attendance on this House during the present session of the General Assembly after Tuesday next;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Pooser moved that Mr. Wells of Washington county be granted leave of absence after to-day for the remainder of the session;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved that Mr. Hawes be excused from attendance on the House to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Oliver moved that Mr. Carter be granted leave of absence on to-morrow;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Holland of Hernando, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report the same back to the House with the following amendments:

Insert after the word "dollars" in the 5th line of the 1st section, the words "or be less than one hundred thousand dollars."

Insert the word "and" after the word "bank," in the 2d line of the 4th section.

Insert the word "letters" in the 99th line of the 6th section, between the words "and" and "of."

Amend the 8th section by striking out all after the word "creditors" in the 4th line, and add, "in their individual capacity for all debts which said bank in its corporate capacity may fail or be unable to pay and discharge."

From the 3d line of the 16th section strike out the words "one million" and insert the words "five hundred thousand."

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was received and read and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Canova, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred House bill entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Withlacoochee river; also, a bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peas creek, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to report same back to the House and recommend their passage.

A. A. CANOVA, Chairman.

Which was received and said bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom a bill entitled an act to provide for the payment of contractors surveying public lands in this State was referred, beg leave to

REPORT:

That though the 21st ordinance passed by the State Convention requires the Surveyor General of the late Federal Government to deliver over to the Register of Public Lands at St. Augustine all papers and property appertaining to said office, and authorizes the Register to carry on to completion all contracts for surveys heretofore made, yet, as this ordinance has no reference to such contracts as may have been completed before its passage, and the public lands so surveyed having not yet been appropriated or turned over to the Internal Improvement Fund of the State, the Committee are of opinion that the expense of such surveys on contracts completed, or about to be completed, should be paid out of the Treasury of the State. They therefore report the bill back to the House and recommend its passage.

A. A. CANOVA, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Franklin, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The undersigned Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for providing for conveying the mails, ask leave to

REPORT:

That they consider the bill a good one in many respects, but, upon careful examination and close scrutiny, such as its great importance to the interest of the State demands, they find some of its provisions objectionable, occasioned probably from the difficulties attending incipient legislation of this kind, and not from any desire to do injustice to any section of the State or fail to give it a due share of mail facilities upon the most economical basis possible. From the best information they have been able to obtain upon the subject, the passage of the bill in its present form would incur unnecessary expense to the State and seriously inconvenience a large portion of citizens resident in the Eastern portion of it. They therefore deem it advisable to propose sundry amendments to the same, to wit:

Strike out, in the 3d line of the 5th section, the word "Jacksonville" and insert "Palatka."

Strike out, in the 4th line of the same section, the word "five" and insert "two;" also strike out all after the word "therefor," in the 5th line of said section.

Strike out the word "Fernandina," in the 5th line of section 9th, and insert "Palatka."

Strike out the word "now," in the 6th line of same section, and insert "heretofore."

Strike out the word "by," in the 7th line, and insert "on."

Strike out the words "ten thousand," in the 9th line, and insert "seven thousand five hundred;" also strike out all in said section after the word "service," in the 10th line.

Strike out the entire of section 12th.

Strike out, in the 3d and 4th lines of section 17th, the words, "equal to the present rate of the late United States postage," and insert the words of "ten cents for letters not exceeding half ounce weight, and in proportion thereto."

Strike out the entire of section 20th and substitute the following:

Be it further enacted, That the Governor may make any additional rules or regulations, not inconsistent herewith, for carrying on the mail service, and shall discharge all the duties pointed out in the third section of the nineteenth ordinance of the late Convention.

By the adoption of these amendments the latitude of expenses which the Governor would be authorized to pay post routes, affecting which the amendments are proposed, would be reduced several thousand dollars, as also be of greater service and convenience to the people of the several sections interested in said routes.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. P. HOLLAND, Chairman,
A. C. BLOUNT,
A. A. CANOVA,
J. H. POOSER.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hawes, from the Committee on Scools and Colleges, made the following report:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act in relation to the Common School Fund of Washington and Holmes counties, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to report: That this bill, being local in its application and almost identical with one passed during the present session in relation to the Common School Fund in another county of this State, and your Committee find

ing nothing objectionable in it, they respectfully recommend its passage.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 7th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has concurred in the House amendments to the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of M. D. Papy and others;

A bill to be entitled an act governing the County Commissioners of Nassau County in certain cases.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 7th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad from St. Andrews to some point on the line of Georgia or Alabama, in West Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act prescribing the form of an oath of allegiance;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the maintainance of the light houses on the seaboard;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of F. L. Dancy, late Surveyor General, and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws;

And House bill to be entitled an act concerning the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of this State: and

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to incorporate the town of Marianna, approved January 8th, 1853.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and the Senate bills ordered to be placed among the orders of the day and the House bills ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Feb'y 7th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has passed the following House bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Elizabeth Lovett;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William H. Fannen;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of William G. Parker, Sheriff of Suwannee County;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the Road Laws in the Counties of Leon and Gadsden:

A bill to be entitled an act to enable Railroad Companies to obtain the right of way;

A bill to be entitled an act making Capt. Simeon Sparkman a citizen of Columbia County.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,

Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the bills ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Feb'y 7th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the incorporation of Insurance Companies;

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company;

House bill to be entitled an act to regulate Fishing on the coast of Florida, with amendments;

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize Henry C. Grovenstine to Plead and Practice Law;

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Satrene Ramirez and others, inhabitants of the county of Escambia.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,

Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read, and the House bills ordered to be enrolled, and Senate bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holloman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled, viz:

An act to amend the Road Laws of Nassau County;

An act for the relief of George G. Holt and Thadeus Rees of Wakulla County;

An act concerning the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of this State;

An act to organize Baker County;

An act to amend the charter of the Alabama and Florida Railroad Company in relation to election of Directors;

An act to organize the County of Polk from the Counties of Hillsborough and Brevard;

An act to regulate the compensation of Pilots at the Port of St. Marks;

An act to permit Erasmus Thompson of Hillsborough County to practice law in the several counties of this State;

An act extending the time for making demands on Railroad Companies for Stock killed or injured, and for other purposes;

An act to amend the Pleading and Practice in the Courts of this State.

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Scott moved that a Committee be appointed to wait upon the Senate and request the return of a Senate bill entitled an act to fix the pay of members of the General Assembly, which was lost in this house on yesterday;

Which was adopted.

Messrs. Scott, Means and Oliver were appointed said Committee.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of public lands in this State, and for other purposes,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Coffee the House went into a Committee of the Whole for its consideration, Mr. Mays in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose and through their Chairman reported the bill back to the House as amended.

The report of the Committee of the Whole was concurred in by the House.

The following amendment was offered by Mr. Holland of Hernando:

Strike out the entire second section and insert therefor:

Be it further enacted, That the said Registers and Receivers shall continue in office until the tenth day of January, A. D. 1862.

Which, after some discussion, was withdrawn.

Mr. Canova offered the following amendment:

To amend the 16th section, by striking out the words two thousand and insert, after the word receive, in the 2d line, the words "in addition to his present salary, six hundred."

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved to strike out the 16th section;

Upon which, the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Price, Russell, VanZant and Vogt—16.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Coffee, Collins, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Scott, Williams and Wilkinson—20.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved to strike out the 2d section;

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered for a third reading on tomorrow.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Call, McCall and Abercrombie, waited upon the House and requested the concurrence of the House in a Senate resolution for the relief of A. B. Noyes and others.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to clean out and improve the navigation of Yellow river, in West Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the raising of two regiments of infantry and one of cavalry or mounted riflemen;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State with regard to malicious mischief;

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of William Henry Fitts to William Henry Bull;

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the act of 1851, providing for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning;

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit negroes, or others than white men, from being employed as samplers of cotton; and

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Clinton Thigpin.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was received and read and said bills placed among the orders of the day.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Ingram, Brokaw and Baldwin, waited upon the House, returning a bill

to be entitled an act fixing the pay of the members of the General Assembly.

Senate resolution for the relief of A. B. Noyes ond others,

Was taken up and read, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Scott, VanZant, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—35.

Nays—None.

So the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

The rule being waived, Mr. Williams, from the Committee on the Militia, made the following report:

The Committee on the Militia, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to aid the volunteer companies of the State of Florida, have had the same under consideration, and recommend its passage.

JOS. JOHN WILLIAMS, Chair'n.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws in force in this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Love, Mays, Means, Newburn, Price, Richardson and Russell —18.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Cole, Holland of Hernando, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—9.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of contractors surveying public lands in this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Parker, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—28.

Nay—Mr. Love—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to clean out and improve the navigation of Yellow River in West Florida,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson and Russell—20.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Coffee, Cole, Love, Mays, Means, Oliver, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—14.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State with regard to malicious mischief,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Mays, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Vogt and Williams—26.

Nays—Messrs. Hull, Love, Russell, Scott, VanZant and Yates—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the raising of two Regiments of Infantry and one of Cavalry or Mounted Riflemen,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—27.

Nays—Messrs. Love and Russell—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

And, on motion, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Holland, Bellamy and Campbell, were appointed to convey said bill to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the act of 1851, providing for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning,

Was read a third time, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Hull, Love, Newburn, Oliver, Par-

ker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates —27.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibi tnegroes or others than white men from being employed as samplers of cotton,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Canova, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Mays, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant and Yates —27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved a reconsideration of the vote just taken on said bill;

Which was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Clinton Thigpin,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Hull, Love, Mays, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, VanZant, Williams and Yates—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act in relation to the common school fund of Washington and Holmes counties,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the auction laws of this State,

Was read the second time, and on motion, referred to a select Committee consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Mays, Blount, Love and Pooser.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower Judges of the Circuit Court of this State to authorize minors to assume the management of their own estates, to contract and be contracted with and to plead and be impleaded,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Dansby, Love, Means, Pooser, Russell and Scott—6.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Mays, Newburn, Price, Richardson and Yates—18.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion, the House took a recess until half past 3 o'clock.

3½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 22d section of the act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved Jan'y 6th, 1855,

Was read the second time, and passed over informally.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the enforcement of the laws of this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Hawes, Howell, Hull, Love, Mays, Oliver and Price—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Lee, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—23.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Coffee, Collins, Holloman, Love, Mays, McCormick, Vogt and Williams—8.

Nays—Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell, Wilkinson and Yates—17.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the admission of Attorneys,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time by its title and put upon its passage, on which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Coffee, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Hol-

land of Hernando, Pooser, Richardson, Williams and Wilkinson —16.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Clyatt, Collins, Haddock, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Price, Russell, Scott, VanZant and Yates—19.

So the bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act supplemental to an act to establish the Planters and Mechanics Bank of Pensacola,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—32.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Donald Cameron, Justice of the Peace for Leon County,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Hull, Lee, Love, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—28.

Nays—Messrs. Coffee, Holloman and VanZant—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Resolution to aid the Volunteers of the State of Florida,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to prevent breaches of trust by Telegraph Operators,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Hull, Mays, Pooser, Price, VanZant, Vogt and Williams—11.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, McCormick, Means, Oliver, Parker, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Wilkinson and Yates —26.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion, the rule was waived and Mr. Galbraith allowed to introduce a resolution authorizing the payment of United States' Treasury warrant No. 5253.

Upon the adoption of the resolution the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell, Vogt, Wilkinson and Yates—25.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

On motion, Messrs. Vogt, Cole and Means were appointed a Committee to certify the same to the Senate.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Simkins and Watlington, waited upon the House and requested the House to send to the Senate all bills or resolutions pending in the House relating to Military Affairs, that both Houses may act upon all military affairs pending before each House at once.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain School funds,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the punishment of those persons who pretend to hold offices in this State not recognized by the laws thereof, and for other purposes,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for writs of error in criminal cases,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Broxson, Clyatt, Coffee, Cole, Hawes, Holloman, Hull, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—25.

Nays—Messrs. Campbell, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Lee and Parker—5.

So the bill was adopted—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to secure certain rights to married women,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Clyatt, Hawes, Holloman, Hull, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Seott and Vogt—11.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson,

Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates —23.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed,

Was read the second time, and referred to the Coumittee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Blount moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock A. M., Monday;

Upon which motion the ayes and noes were called for by Messrs. Williams and Coffee, and were as follows:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Cole, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Parker, Richardson, VanZant, Wilkinson and Yates—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, Vogt and Williams—19.

So the motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the House took a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M.

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7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to prevent citizens of those States which have passed bank suspension bills and stay laws from collecting debts in this State,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Canova moved to indefinitely postpone said bill, upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Mays and Love, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Howell, Lee, Love, McCormick, Mickler, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Williams and Wilkinson—23.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Coffee, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Holloman, Hull, Mays, Means, Newburn, Vogt and Yates—13.

So the motion was carried, and the bill postponed indefinitely.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a company to

construct a railroad fron St. Andrews to some point on the line of Georgia or Alabama in West Florida,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida,

Was read the second time, and on motion of Mr. Love, was made the special order for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the criminal laws of this State and to provide for the punishment of abusive words,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Mays moved to lay the bill on the table;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Russell and Hull, and were,

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holloman, Hull, Mays, McCormick, Mickler, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—22.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Campbell, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, Means, Pooser and Van-Zant—10.

So the motion prevailed.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holland of Hernando, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report;

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to establish a Bank in the city of Apalachicola to be called the Western Bank of Florida, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the same back to the House with the following amendments:

Insert the words "nor less than one hundred thousand" after the word "thousand," in the second line of the second section, and strike out the words "three thousand," in the third line of same section.

Insert after the word "of," in the 41st line of the same section, the words, "one hundred thousand dollars in."

Strike out all after the word "all," in the 69th line of same section, and insert the words "the debts of said Bank."

Strike out all after the word "open," in the 10th line of the 3d section, and insert the words, "for sixty days consecutively, and if more than three hundred thousand dollars of stock are subscribed for and paid in in specie, then and in that event it shall

be the duty of the said Commissioners to scale the same *pro rata: Provided*, That no subscription shall be reduced below two shares."

After the word "aforesaid," in the 5th line of the 7th section, insert the words, "may cause the same to be protested, and upon the protest thereof the said notes or bills shall bear an interest of twelve per cent. per annum till paid, and the said creditor or holder may."

Strike out the word "to" after the word "immediately," in the same line of the same section.

After the word "elsewhere," in the 83d and 84th lines of the 7th section, insert "*Provided*, That the said agencies in the State of Florida shall in all cases pay specie on demand at the place of business in which the principal Bank would be required so to do."

With the above amendments, the Committee recommend the passage of the same.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

The rule being waived, Mr. Williams introduced a resolution relative to the employment of Edward Powell in the military service of this State;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

The rule being waived, Mr. Blount moved that Mr. Broxson be excused for the balance of the session;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays being called for, were:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Dansby, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Richardson and Wilkinson—15.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Canova, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Holloman, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Parker, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—21.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Hawes moved that the House adjourn till Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays being called for, were:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Cole, Hawes, VanZant, Wilkinson and Yates—7.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt and Williams—29.

So the motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. Bird, the House adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock, A. M.

SATURDAY, February 9th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

On motion, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

Mr. Yates moved the reconsideration of a vote taken on a Senate bill on yesterday to be entitled an act in relation to the admission of Attorneys;

Which was lost.

Mr. Coffee moved that the vote on Senate bill to be entitled an act to secure certain rights to married women be reconsidered;

Which was lost.

Mr. Mays moved that the rule be waived, so that he may be allowed to introduce without previous notice a bill to be entitled an act to provide additional safe-guards for persons and property upon the Railroads in this State;

Which was agreed to, and said bill received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Canova moved that the Speaker of the House be authorized to employ additional assistance if deemed necessary to engross and enroll bills passed by the House;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Holloman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report as correctly Enrolled the following bills and resolution, viz:

An act for the relief of Wm. G. Parker, Sheriff of Suwannee county;

An act to authorize Henry C. Grovenstine, a minor, to plead and practice law;

An act for the relief of T. C. Bolling, as administrator of R. A. Child, deceased;

Resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin;

An act to locate the county site of Levy county;

An act to provide for the payment of physicians who are summoned to attend coroners juries;

An act making Simeon Sparkman a citizen of Columbia county;

An act to change the name of Elizabeth Lovett;

An act to regulate fishing on the coast of the State of Florida;

An act to incorporate the German Building and Saving Association.

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Mays, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

The Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Halstead H. Hoeg and his assignees, have had the same under consideration, and instructed me to

REPORT:

That no facts have come to the knowledge of the Committee that indicate the propriety or necessity of such legislation, as the bill contemplates, and they therefore return the bill to the House, and ask to be discharged from its consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the bill back to House with an accompanying amendment to be numbered as section 4, and with this amendment to recommend the passage of the bill.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act for the punishment of those persons who pretend to hold offices in this State not recognized by the laws thereof, and for other purposes, and a bill to be entitled an act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the bills back to the House and recommend their passage.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee of the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts, and a bill to be entitled an act to amend the law in relation to coroners and juries of inquest, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to re-

port the bills back to the House with a recommendation that they do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, Feb'y 8th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has this day passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian River Railroad Company;

A bill to be entitled an act transferring causes from the late District Courts to the Circuit Courts;

A bill to be entitled an act to declare who are citizens of the State of Florida;

A bill to be entitled an act to reduce the costs of criminal prosecutions;

A bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws;

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking of the marks and brands of cattle driven or shipped from the counties of Sumter, Hillsborough and Manatee;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the service of civil process in certain cases; and,

Substitute for House bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,

Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the Senate bills ordered to be placed among the orders of the day and the House bills which had passed the Senate ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Feb'y 8th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR: The Senate has this day passed the following bill and resolution, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal in part the laws prohibiting intercourse with the Indians; and,

Resolution for the benefit of the College of St. Augustine.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,

Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER, Feb'y 9th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has passed the following bill and resolution, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to encourage and facilitate internal improvements and regulate partnerships for that purpose; and,

House resolution authorizing the payment of United States Treasury warrant No. 5253.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,

Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day, and the House resolution which had passed the Senate ordered to be enrolled.

The Senate substitute for the House bill to be entitled an act to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for his services in running and marking the boundary line between the States of Georgia and Florida was taken up.

On motion to adopt the same, the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Dansby, Holland of Hernando, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—23.

Nays—Messrs. Haddock, Howell, Hull, Lee, Russell and Van-Zant—6.

So the substitute was adopted and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved to reconsider the vote of yesterday on the bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court of this State;

Which was agreed to, and said bill taken up and, on motion, placed back on its second reading and referred to a Select Com-

mittee, consisting of Messrs. Blount, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Mays and Means.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb'y 9th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I have approved and signed the following acts, viz:

An act authorizing and directing the Secretary of State to furnish a seal of office to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Columbia county;

An act for the relief of A. D. Rogero, Sheriff of St. Johns county;

An act to allow M. L. McKinny to manage his own estate;

An act for the relief of Howell A. Baisden;

An act to re-organize the county of Brevard;

An act to amend the school laws of this State so far as has reference to the counties of Columbia, Suwannee, New River, Lafayette, Nassau and Sumter;

An act for the relief of Walton county;

An act to amend the acts creating liens in favor of builders, material men, &c.;

An act to allow A. J. Baker to practice medicine;

An act to declare Peas creek a navigable stream;

An act to amend the road laws of Nassau county;

An act to incorporate the Pensacola and Mobile Railroad and Manufacturing Company;

An act concerning the office of Clerk of the Supreme Court;

An act to amend the charter of the Alabama & Florida Railroad Company;

An act to repeal an act authorizing a bridge tax in Walton county;

An act to organize the county of Polk from the counties of Hillsborough and Brevard;

An act to organize a new county to be called Baker county;

An act extending the time for making demands on Railroad Companies;

An act to regulate the compensation of pilots at the port of St. Marks;

An act for the relief of George G. Holt and Thaddeus Rees;

An act to permit E. M. Thompson to practice law; and

An act to amend the pleading and practice in the Courts of this State.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of Public Lands in this State, and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts of this State hereinafter named with the powers which were possessed by the late District Court of the United States and for other purposes;

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the public expenditures; also

A resolution to aid the Volunteer Companies of the State of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,
D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was received and read and accompanying bills and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of One Million of Dollars, by the Commonwealth of Florida.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the House went into Committee of the Whole for its consideration, Mr. Love in the Chair.

Came up on its second reading.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and through their Chairman reported the bill back to the House as amended, and recommended its passage.

The amendments proposed by the Committee on Ways and Means were adopted by the House, and on motion, the rules being waived, the bill was read the third time by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, McCormick, Means, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt and Williams—26.

Nays—Messrs. Love, Mays, Newburn and Yates—4.

So the bill passed—title as amended.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for a Stay of Executions,

Came up on its second reading, after some discussion and the

proposing of sundry amendments thereto, Mr. Holland of Hernando moved that the bill be indefinitely postponed;

Upon which motion the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Oliver and Holland of Hernando, and were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Canova, Cole, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Lee, Mays, Mickler, Oliver, Pooser, Richardson, Williams and Yates—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Coffee, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Love, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Price, Russell, Scott and Vogt—17.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Love offered the following amendment: Strike out the words "and undiminished in intrinsic value"; also, strike out "and that if the property levied upon is insufficient to pay the execution and costs, the defendant will pay for the use of the same from the date when said sale would have taken place but for this act, to the day of sale, such sum as may be lawfully adjudged to be reasonable and proper to go in satisfaction of the said execution and costs, and the balance, if any, refunded to the defendant in execution;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland of Franklin offered the following amendment:

Provided, however, That no suit shall be brought in law or equity, nor writ of fi. fa. or decree in equity shall issue or be levied upon the property of any person or persons who is employed in actual military service, or who is on actual military duty of the State of Florida, so long as such service or duty exists;

Which was adopted.

Also the following:

Provided further, That no citizen of any State which has passed a stay law or suspension law, shall be permitted to levy upon or sell any portion of the property of any citizen of this State, or to assgn any choses in action, or in any way whatever assign or sell any claim, judgment, decree, debt or demand, against any citizen of this State so long as the State of the creditor or plaintiff has a suspension law or stay law in force; and all such assigns shall be void and convey no title whatever.

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Canova, Holland of Franklin and Oliver—3.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Coffee, Cole, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—24.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved to amend by inserting after the

word "State," in the 3d line of 1st section, the words "on any contract entered into after the fifteenth day of February, 1861," also strike out the word "two," in the same line after the word "sixty," and insert "seven" instead;

Which was lost.

Mr. Canova offered the following amendment to said bill:

Wherever the word "sixty-two" occurs in said bill, the same be stricken out and "seventy-five" be inserted in lieu thereof;

Which was lost.

Mr. Mays offered the following amendment:

In the 5th line after the word "attorney" insert "shall pay all costs that have accrued;"

Which was lost.

Mr. Holloman moved that the bill be made the special order for Tuesday next;

Which was agreed to.

The rules being waived, Mr. Williams moved that Mr. Bird of Jefferson be excused from attendance on this House until Tuesday next, 10 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Holloman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following resolution as correctly enrolled, viz:

A resolution to authorize the Governor and Treasurer to make temporary arrangements to meet the present expenses of the State.

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

A bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts hereinafter named with the powers which were possessed by the late District Court of the United States, and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Mays, Means, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the Senate.

A resolution relative to the employment of Edward Powell in the military service of this State,

Was put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Holland of Franklin,

Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—28.

Nays—None.

So the resolution was adopted.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Bird, Williams and Holland of Franklin, were appointed to convey said resolution to the Senate, and request theirconcurrence therein.

On motion of Mr. Coffee, the rule was waived, and he was allowed to make the following motion:

That Mr. Holloman of Gadsden be excused from further attendance on this House until Tuesday next, 12 o'clock;

Which was agreed to.

The following communication was received from the Attorney General:

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
TALLAHASSEE, 9th February, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The following resolution, adopted by the House of Representatives, has been communicated to me by the Clerk, viz:

"*Resolved*, That the Attorney General be requested to furnish, at as early a day as possible, to this House, his written opinion in regard to the power of the General Assembly of this State to constitutionally charter a Bank with a smaller capital stock than one hundred thousand dollars, and whether it is requisite that said capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars be paid in specie before said Bank can lawfully go into operation."

The sixth section of the thirteenth article of the Constitution ordains that "the capital stock of any Bank shall not be less than one hundred thousand dollars, and shall be created only by the actual payment of specie therein; and no Bank shall borrow money to create or add to its capital or to conduct its business, and no loans shall be made on stock."

In my opinion, this provision of the Constitution is fairly susceptible of but one interpretation. If it has any operation at all, it must be understood as requiring that the capital stock of any Bank to be chartered by the General Assembly shall not be less than one hundred thousand dollars, and that this amount shall consist of specie actually paid in. The language is, the capital stock *shall not be less than* one hundred thousand dollars, not consisting simply of subscriptions or of authority to extend subscriptions to that amount, but *created by the actual payment of specie.* The capital stock under this provision, whatever may be the amount of it, can exist only by the payment of specie, and, according to my understanding of the Constitution, it was in-

tended that no Bank should be chartered with a less capital than one hundred thousand dollars. The payment of the capital stock in specie is an assential requisite to the existence of a Bank, and, if this be so, how can a Bank be said to possess the required capital, if less than the minimum sum only is paid in? Any other construction would render the provision without practical meaning or effect; for, whilst nominally the capital stock might be fixed at not less than one hundred thousand dollars, a Bank might proceed and continue to the end of its charter with an actual capital of only fifty thousand dollars, or any other less sum.

By a slight transposition of words, we may probably be enabled better to understand what was intended by this provision, thus: The capital stock of any Bank shall be created only by the actual payment of specie therein, and shall not be less than one hundred thousand dollars. If, therefore, the payment of specie therein is the only mode of creating the capital stock of any Bank, and such Bank must have a capital stock of not less than one hundred thousand dollars, it seems to follow that the General Assembly cannot authorize a Bank, chartered by them, to go into operation with less than one hundred thousand dollars of its capital stock paid in, without coming in conflict with the provision of the Constitution referred to.

I am, very respectfully, &c.,

M. D. PAPY.

Which was read.

On motion, the House adjourned until Monday, 10 o'clock, A. M.

MONDAY, February 11th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

On motion, the reading of the journal of Saturday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The rule being waived, the following bills were introduced without previous notice, viz:

By Mr. Dansby:

A bill to be entitled an act to exempt telegraph operators from public duties except in cases of insurrection or actual invasion.

By Mr. Holland of Franklin:

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Apalachicola river and to reclaim the Swamp and Overflowed lands on said river.

Which bills were received, and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Vogt moved that a Committee of three be appointed to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate to prepare a general appropriation bill to meet the expenses of the General Assembly and State, for the fiscal year 1861;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Vogt, Lee and Canova were appointed said Committee, who were also requested to act as a Committee to inform the Senate of the adoption of said motion, and request their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the rule was waived, and he was allowed to introduce a bill to be entitled an act regarding the sale of spiritous liquors to slaves, and for other purposes;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Canova, from the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements, to whom was referred a Senate bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, have had the same under consideration, and have requested me as their Chairman to report the same back to the House without amendment.

A. A. CANOVA, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Blount, from a select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to report the same back to the House with the following amendments, and recommend the passage of the same:

Strike out from the 8th line of the 1st section, all after the word "beginning," and insert the words "on the third Monday in March."

Strike out from the 10th line of same section, all after the word "beginning," and insert the words "on the first Monday in December."

Strike out from the 12th line of same section, the word "second," and insert the word "first."

Strike out from the 16th line of same section the word "March," and insert the word "February."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. C. BLOUNT,
G. W. MEANS,
D. P. HOLLAND,
D. H. MAYS,
N. W. HOLLAND.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 11th, 1861.

HON. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following bills and resolutions, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and peremptory challenges in criminal cases;

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 9th and 16th sections of an act entitled an act to amend the Militia and Patrol Laws of this State, approved Dec. 22, 1859;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide the mode and manner of giving notice in actions of ejectment;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the election of Tax-Assessor and Collector for Sumter county, and for other purposes;

House bill to be entitled an act in relation to Crimes and Misdemeanors;

House bill to be entitled an act respecting the sale of vinous or spiritous liquors to slaves or free persons of color in Apalachicola and Fernandina, with amendments;

House bill to be entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library, with amendments;

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate an Insurance Company in the City of Apalachicola, to be called the Florida Home Insurance Company, with amendments;

House resolution relative to State Librarian; and

Senate resolution in relation to land warrants.

The following House bill was indefinitely postponed by the Senate, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the security of the citizens of this State transacting business with foreign corporations.

Very Respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and the House bill to be entitled an act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library mentioned in said message as amended by the Senate was taken up and the amendments concurred in, and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled.

Also a House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate an Insurance Company in the City of Apalachicola, to be called the Florida Home Insurance Company, mentioned in said message

as amended by the Senate was taken up, and the House concurred therein, and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled;

Also a House resolution relative to a State Librarian, mentioned in said message as amended by the Senate was taken up and the House concurred therein, and the resolution as amended ordered to be enrolled;

Also a House bill to be entitled an act respecting the sale of spiritous and vinous liquors to slaves or free persons of color in the City of Apalachicola, mentioned in said message as amended by the Senate, was taken up and the House concurred therein, and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 9th, 1861.

HON. JOHN. B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has this day passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough County in building or assisting to build a Railroad;

House bill to be entitled an act regulating the fees of Port Wardens of the City of Apalachicola, and other purposes, with amendments;

House bill to be entitled an act for the defence of the Port of Apalachicola;

House bill to be entitled an act regulating Wharfage in the City of Apalachicola, with amendments.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and the Senate bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day, and the House bill to be entitled an act regulating Wharfage in the City of Apalachicola mentioned in said message as amended by the Senate was taken up and the House concurred therein, and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled;

House bill to be entitled an act regulating the fees of Port Wardens of the city of Apalachicola, and for other purposes mentioned in said message as amended by the Senate,

Was taken up and the House concurred therein, and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 9th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has concurred in House amendments to a

bill to be entitled an act supplemental to an act to establish the Planters' and Merchants' Bank of Pensacola.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb'y 11th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly, viz:

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

Port Wardens at Apalachicola—Edward Williams, Henry Swain, Francis Pike, B. L. Turner, Federick N. Fuller, John Coupe and Robert D. Munn.

Cotton Weighers—Thomas Matthews, Simeon K. Bull, R. L. Harrison, J. J. Flanders, Wm. D. McClay and Geo. L. Brockenbrough.

Commissioners of Pilotage—J. L. Dunham, James P. Penn, Benj. Ellison, Joseph Atkins and James J. Griffin.

ESCAMBIA COUNTY.

Port Wardens—John Campbell, J. W. Hall, C. G. Barclay, W. L. Cozens and Wm. H. Baker.

Auctioneer—Joseph Sierra, Jr.

Keeper of Spanish Archives—F. de la Rua.

GADSDEN COUNTY.

Auctioneer—John A. Bissell.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read and the nominations advised and concurred in by the House.

Mr. Canova, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report as being correctly enrolled the following bills and resolution, viz:

An act to provide for the service of civil process in certain cases;

An act to repeal in part the law prohibiting intercourse with Indians;

An act to amend the road laws, &c.;

Resolution authorizing the payment of United States Treasury warrant No. 5253;

An act to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for services in surveying the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

An act to enable Railroad Companies to obtain the right of way; and

An act for the relief of William H. Fannin.

A. A. CANOVA.

Which was read.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of public lands in this State, and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Price, Vogt and Williams—22.

Nays—Messrs. Holland of Franklin, VanZant and Yates—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. McCormick, Vogt and Canova were appointed to convey the bill to the Senate and request their concurrence.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for providing for carrying the mails,

Came upon its second reading, and on motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the House went into a Committee of the Whole for its consideration—Mr. Blount in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, and through their Chairman reported the bill back to the House as amended, and recommended its passage.

The House concurred in the report of the select Committee on said bill, Holland of Franklin, Chairman.

On motion, the bill was read the third time by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Price, Richardson, VanZant, Vogt, Williams, Wilkinson and Yates—25.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Holland of

Franklin, Broxson and Lee were appointed to convey said bill to the Senate and request their concurrence in the House amendments thereto.

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peas Creek, and to drain the Swamp and Overflowed lands thereon,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holland, from the Committee on Corporations, made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a Company to construct a Railroad from St. Andrews Bay to some point on the line of Georgia or Alabama in West Florida,

REPORT:

That the corporate privileges and powers granted to said Company by said bill are usual and proper. Your Committee do not express any views as to the general policy of granting said charter, or the effect of the same on the general system of Internal Improvement in the State, not deeming it within their province, and would recommend that the bill be referred to the Committee on Internal Improvement if the House desires further investigation in regard to the subject.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee,

Was read the second time, and the amendments proposed by the Committee on Corporations adopted, and the bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Withlacooche river and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the trial of negroes in criminal cases, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time.

On motion to waive the rules to read said bill the second and third times by its title and put it upon its passage, the yeas and being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Campbell, Carter, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Richardson, VanZant and Vogt—15.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Broxson, Haddock, Howell, Oliver, Price, Williams and Yates—9.

So the motion was lost and the bill ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Dawkins and Finlayson, waited upon the House and informed them that they had been appointed to return sundry bills to the House relative to providing a circulating medium for the citizens of Florida and request the immediate action of the House thereon.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that said bills be made the special order of business for 7 o'clock this evening;

Which was agreed to.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Jefferson Felmer Ault to change his name to Jefferson Felmer Johns,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the 22d section of an act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved January 6th, 1855,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Carter, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Price, Richardson, Scott, Stewart, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Williams, Means and Scott, was appointed to convey said bill to the Senate.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Magbee, Simkins and Abercrombie, waited upon the House and informed them that they had been appointed to return a bill to be entitled an act to authorize James Addison to construct a dam across the Ocklockonee river for the purpose of erecting a mill, and inform the House that the Senate had refused to recede from its amendments thereto.

The Senate substitute for a House bill to be entitled an act to prevent penning or detaining stock without the consent of the owners in Nassau, Alachua, Wakulla and St. Johns counties,

Was adopted by the House and ordered to be enrolled.

A bill to be entitled an act defining who may make the affidavits required in suits of attachment and garnishment,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Catherine A. Joiner,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Carter, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Hull, Lee, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Price, Richardson, Scott, Stewart and Yates—27.

Nays—Messrs. Campbell, Coffee, VanZant and Williams—4.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the Incorporation of Insurance Companies,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the Attachment Laws,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the Representation of this State in the Southern Confederacy,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of F. L. Dancy, late Surveyor General, and for other purposes,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the maintenance of Light Houses on the sea-board,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act prescribing the form of an Oath of Allegiance,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time and the following amendment offered by Mr. Blount: Insert the words "and all other Railroad Companies in this State having Railroad iron under bond," after the words "Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland of Franklin offered the following amendment:

Be it further enacted, That the benefits of the first section of this act shall extend to any person or persons, or to any goods, wares or merchandise of every character.

Upon which the yeas and nays being called the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Howell, Lee and Parker —4.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Richardson, Scott and Williams—24.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Holland of Franklin offered the following amendment:

Add after the last word in the first section, the words "and the several Collectors are hereby authorized to extend the benefits of this act to any person or persons, and to all wares and merchandise of every character."

Upon which the yeas and nays being called, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Campbell, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Hull, Oliver, Price, Stewart and VanZant—9.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Hawes, Lee, Love, Mays, Mickler, Newburn, Richardson, Scott and Yates—18.

So the amendment was lost.

Mr. Canova offered the following amendment: Add after the word "St. Marks," "or other ports in the State";

Which was adopted.

Mr. Scott moved that the bill be read a third time by its title and put upon its passage;

Which was lost.

The bill was ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a Bank in the City of Apalachicola to be called the Western Bank of Florida,

Was read the second time and the amendments offered thereto by the Committee on Corporations adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Oliver moved the reconsideration of a vote on a bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of the members of the General Assembly;

Which was agreed to, and on motion, the bill was referred to a Select Committee, consisting of Messrs. Oliver, Love, Collins, Howell and VanZant.

Senate bill to be entitled an act relative to the Common School Fund of Washington and Holmes counties,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Price, Richardson, VanZant and Yates —26.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to encourage the formation of mounted and cavalry companies in this State for military service,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Canova, Collins, Cole, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Means, Oliver, Parker, Price, Richardson, Scott, Stewart, Vogt and Williams—20.

Nays—Messrs. Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Haddock, Hawes, Love, Mays, VanZant and Yates—10.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide additional safeguards for persons and property upon the railroads in this State,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Blount offered the following amendments:

Strike out "criminal" wherever it occurs; and add,

Be it further enacted, That there shall also be kept a criminal docket, on which shall be entered every criminal case pending in Court in the order in which the indictments or presentments were presented to the Court, which docket shall be peremptorily called in its order, commencing on some day of the term, to be determined by the Court, and at the said calling it shall be the duty of the Court to try or dismiss each case, unless the solicitor or defendant shall show good cause for a continuance or for a postponement unto a later day of the same term; but nothing herein contained shall prevent the Court from assigning any day specially for the trial of any criminal cause.

Which was adopted, and the bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State in relation to coroners and juries of inquest,

Came upon its second reading, and on motion, was laid on the table.

On motion, the House took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State regulating the issuing of the process of Garnishment,

Was read the second time and the report of the Judiciary Committee adopted, and the bill ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Holland of Franklin, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The select Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend the auction laws of this State, beg leave to

REPORT:

That the taxes now imposed by law upon goods sold by auction in this State yield but a very small revenue in the aggregate to the State, while they assist in preventing shipment and sales by auction of foreign cargoes of coffee, sugar, syrup, salt, cigars, fruits, and a variety of goods of daily use. The present auction tax yielded the State from the report of the Treasurer, $439.70. While it has given the State so little aid it has been most deleterious to commerce by preventing shipments of foreign goods being or dered so that they might be sold at public auction, which will not be done while the laws compel the vendor to pay more than three times the amount that he would have to pay to sell his cotton. When a law yields no comparative benefit to the State compared to the injury it inflicts upon commerce, it is the opinion of the undersigned that wise legislation should provide for its repeal. Your Committee therefore report the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

That all laws and parts of laws which provide or create for a tax of any character whatever, upon goods sold by auction in this State, be and they are hereby repealed: *Provided, however,* That commissions of Auctioneers shall continue to be charged at the same rates as now by law provided, as if this act had not been passed.

D. P. HOLLAND, Chairman.
S. B. LOVE,
A. C. BLOUNT.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for the punishment of those persons who pretend to hold offices in this State not recognized by the laws thereof, and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Oliver, Parker, Price, Scott, VanZant, Vogt and Yates—25.

Nay—Mr. Love—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act declaring of what estate Widows shall be endowed,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Halstead Hoeg and assignees,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to reduce the cost of criminal prosecutions,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railroad Company,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to declare who are citizens of the State of Florida,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to encourage and facilitate internal improvements and regulate partnerships for that purpose,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suit against counties,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Call, Brokaw and Simpkins, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had passed a substitute for the House bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of public lands in this State, and for other purposes, and requested the concurrence of the House therein.

Senate bill to be entitled an act transferring causes from the late District Courts to the Circuit Courts,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian river Railroad Company,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Senate resolution for the benefit of the college at St. Augustine,

Was read and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Oliver, Parker, Price, Richardson, Scott, VanZant, Williams and Yates —26.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Resolution to aid the volunteer companies of this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Oliver, Parker, Price, Richardson, Scott, VanZant, Williams and Yates—28.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to exempt telegraph operators from military, road and patrol duties,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Apalachicola river, and to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bill as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge and define the jurisdiction and establish certain rules of practice of the Courts of Equity in this State.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge and define the jurisdiction and establish certain rules of practice of the Courts of Equity of this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Parker, Price, Richardson, Scott, VanZant and Williams—25.

Nay—Mr. Yates—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a railroad,

Was read the first time, the rule waived, read the second time by its title and on motion referred to a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Howell and Broxson.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 9th and 16th sections of an act entitled an act to amend the Militia and Patrol laws of this State, approved December 22, 1859,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate Resolution relating to Land Warrants,

Was read the first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and peremptory challenges in criminal cases,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Senate substitute to the House bill regulating the duties of Receivers and Registers of Public Lands in this State, and for other purposes,

Was taken up, and on motion referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion, the vote on the motion making the Senate substitute for the House bill providing for a permanent circulating

medium for the citizens of Florida was reconsidered, and the bill taken up with the substitute.

The House refused to concur in the substitute and the same ordered to be certified to the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Mays, the rules were waived and the bill to be entitled an act to provide additional safeguards for persons and property upon Railroads in this State was taken up, read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, February 12th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispened with.

Mr. Bellamy moved that a Committee be appointed to inform the Senate that the House declines to concur in the substitute offered by the Senate for House bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida, and to request that a Committee be appointed by the Senate to confer with a similar Committee on the part of the House touching the same;

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Love, Mays and Pooser were appointed said Committee.

Mr. Coffee, from the Committee on Public Lands, made the following report:

The Committee on Public Lands, to whom a reference was made of a bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of Public Lands in this State, as also the Senate substitute proposed for the same, have had the same under consideration, and regarding the substitute as complicated and inefficient, have instructed me as their Chairman to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that the House do not concur in the substitute proposed, but adhere to the bill reported by your Committee as passed the House.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. COFFEE, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and substitute placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Hawes, from the Committee on Schools and Colleges, made the following report:

The Committee on Schools and Colleges, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain School Funds, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to report, that as no information has been placed before them to show the necessity for the passage of such an act, they desire to return the bill to the House without any recommendation whatever.

G. E. HAWES, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Mays, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the bill back to the House and recommend the passage of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the following bills, to-wit: a bill to be entitled an act to reduce the costs of criminal prosecutions; a bill to be entitled an act requiring of the Circuit Courts to set specific days for the trial of causes wherein three or more witnesses are subpœned; a bill to be entitled an act to provide for a digest of the ordinances and statutes of this State; a bill to be entitled an act giving Justices of the Peace jurisdiction in all sums not exceeding one hundred dollars, exclusive of interests and costs; a bill to be entitled an act giving the trial of slaves and free persons of color in this State; a bill to be entitled an act governing divorces in this State; a bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and peremptory challenges in criminal cases, and a bill to be entitled an act prescribing the form of an oath of allegiance, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report that they regard the provisions of most of these bills unwise, some of them unnecessary, and others again inexpedient at the present time, and therefore they recommend that they do not pass.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Also the following:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report an amendment to the second section of the bill, to-wit:

Strike out the words "five thousand" in said section and insert "fifteen hundred;"

And in the fourth section strike out the words "two hundred and fifty," and insert "five hundred."

With these amendments we recommend the passage of the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Franklin, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a railroad, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have examined the bill and believe that the same should be granted to said county, because of the great benefit it would afford to a large section of our State who should be assisted whenever the public interests will justify it. They, therefore, recommend that the said bill do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. P. HOLLAND, Chairman,
C. L. BROXSON,
JOSEPH HOWELL.

Which was received and read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Canova, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following bills and resolution as correctly enrolled, viz:

An act to provide for the election of Tax-Assessor and Collector for Sumter county;

An act to provide the mode and manner of giving notice in actions of ejectment;

An act respecting the sale of vinous or spiritous liquors to slaves or free persons of color in the cities of Apalachicola and Fernandina;

An act to authorize James Addison of Leon county to construct a dam across the Ocklockonee river in Leon county;

An act to prevent persons from penning or detaining stock without the consent of the owner in Nassau, Alachua, Wakulla and St. Johns counties;

An act regulating the fees of Port Wardens of the city of Apalachicola;

An act to amend an act to incorporate the town of Marianna;

An act in relation to crimes and misdemeanors;

An act for the relief of Satrene Remerez and others, inhabitants of the county of Escambia;

Resolution relative to State Librarian; and

An act to incorporate the town of Monticello.

A. A. CANOVA.

Which was read.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 11th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has indefinitely postponed the following House bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws now in force in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit negroes or others than white men from being employed as samplers of cotton.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 11th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has this day passed the following bills and resolutions, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua county Railroad Company, with amendments;

Senate resolution in relation to military laws;

Resolution for the relief of Dr. Wm. S. Jones; and

House bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Clinton Thigpin.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the House bill entitled an act to incorporate the Alachua Railroad Company, mentioned in said message as amended by the Senate, was taken up and the House concurred therein, and the bill as amended, with the House bill entitled an act for the relief of Clinton Thigpin, ordered to be enrolled, and

the Senate resolutions ordered to be placed among the orders of the day.

The rule being waived, Mr. Love, from a Select Committee, made the following report:

The majority of the Select Committee, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of members of the General Assembly, have had the same under consideration and respectfully report that they recommend the passage of the same.

S. B. LOVE,
JOHN A. J. COLLINS,
GARRETT VANZANT,
JOSEPH HOWELL.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER, }
February 11th, 1861. }

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has refused to concur in House amendments to Senate bill to be entitled an act for providing for carrying the mails.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. Canova the House refused to recede from its amendments to Senate bill to be entitled an act for providing for carrying the mails, and a Committee of Conference consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Canova and Hawes, were appointed to confer with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate.

A committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Call, Dawkins and Magbee, waited upon the House and informed that body that they had been appointed a committee to act with the committee appointed on the part of the House to confer upon a bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida.

The rule being waived, Mr. Oliver from a Select Committee made the following report:

As one of the committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of members of the General Assembly, have had the same under consideration, and offer the following amendment to said bill: Strike out in the sixth line of the first section the word "five," and insert in lieu thereof the word "four"; with this amendment I recommend the passage of said bill.

Respectfully submitted,
AVIN OLIVER, Chairman.

Which was received and read and the bill and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 11th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the collection of debts in certain cases from debtors in this State;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate the Pilotage of St. Johns Bar;

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Blount Ferry Railroad Company, with amendments.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and the House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Lake City and Blount Ferry Railroad Company mentioned in said message as amended, was taken up and the amendment concurred in by the House, and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled, and Senate bill placed among the orders of the day.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Ingram and Jones, waited upon the House and informed them that they had been appointed a Committee to inform the House that the Senate had passed a bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military force of this State, and had also adopted the House resolution to provide for the appointment of a Major General in the army of Florida.

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A bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of public lands in this State, and for other purposes,

Was taken up.

On motion, the House refused to adopt the Senate substitute for said bill.

A Committee, consisting of Messrs. Coffee, Pooser and Yates, were appointed to inform the Senate thereof.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Collins, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Hull,

Means, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Scott, VanZant and Williams —18.

Nays—Messrs. Coffee, Haddock, Howell, Mickler, Parker, Richardson and Yates—7.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Watlington, Chain and Abercrombie, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had refused to concur in the House amendments to a Senate bill to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million of dollars by the commonwealth of Florida.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Call, Brokaw and Magbee, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate would insist upon its substitute for a House bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of public lands in this State, and for other purposes.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to repeal the ninth and tenth sections of an act to amend the militia and patrol laws of this State, approved December 22, 1859,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Militia.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the auction laws of this State,

Came up on its second reading, and the amendments reported by the Select Committee adopted, and the bill as amended ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bills as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide additional safeguards for persons or property upon the Railroads in this State;

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Jefferson Felmer Ault to change his name to Jefferson Felmer Johns;

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Apalachicola river and to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Withlacoochee river and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river; and,

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peas creek and to drain the swamp and overflowed land thereon.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read and said bills and placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Love, Mays, Means, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—26.

Nay—Mr. Coffee—1.

So the bill passed—title amended "and for other Railroad Companies in this State."

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Love, Cole and Scott were appointed to convey said bill to the Senate and request their concurrence in the House amendments thereto.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for the representation of this State in the Southern Confederation,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Love, Mays, Means, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—25.

Nays—Messrs. Canova and Holland of Hernando—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of F. L. Dancy, late Surveyor General of the State of Florida,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Senate bill to be entitled an act relative to the maintenance of the Light Houses on the Sea board,

Was read the second time, the rule waived read the third time by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—29.

Nays—None.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend the Attachment Laws,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Jefferson Felmer Ault to change his name to Jefferson Felmer Johns,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Holland of Franklin, Hewell, Hull, Lee, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Scott, Williams and Yates—24.

Nays—Messrs. Coffee and Mays—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peas Creek and to drain the swamp and overflowed lands thereon,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, VanZant, Williams and Yates—25.

Nays—Messrs. Coffee, Haddock, Love, Mays and Means—5.

So said bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Withlacoochee river, and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Lee, McCormick, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott and Yates—20.

Nays—Messrs. Coffee, Collins, Haddock, Love, Mays and Means—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Apalachicola river and to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Lee, Love, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser and Price—16.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Coffee, Collins, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Mays, McCormick, Means, Oliver, Richardson, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—15.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide additional safeguards to persons and property upon the railroads in this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Vogt, Williams and Yates—27.

Nay—Mr. Bissell—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the incorporation of Insurance Companies,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the trial of negroes in criminal cases and for other purposes,

Was read the second time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act defining who may make the affidavits required in suits of attachment and of garnishment,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Scott, Vogt and Williams—23.

Nays—Messrs. Howell, Parker and Yates—3.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act regulating the sale of spiritous liquors to slaves and for other purposes,

Was read the second time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Vogt, from the Committee on Engrossed Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bill as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a Bank in the city of Apalachicola, to be called the Western Bank of Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was received and read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Tallahassee at Tallahassee,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Coffee, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Love, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—26.

Nays—Messrs. Carter and Mays—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to exempt Telegraph Operators from military, road and patrol duties,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Howell, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Vogt, Williams and Yates—30.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Love, Mays, McCormick, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Williams and Yates—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate a company to construct a Railroad from St. Andrews to some point on the line of Georgia or Alabama in West Florida,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Love, McCormick, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell and Vogt—20.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Coffee, Collins, Oliver, Scott, Williams and Yates—8.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a Bank in the city of Apalachicola to be called the Western Bank of Florida,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Love, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—27.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Howell and Parker, were appointed to convey said bill to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act still further defining the duties of the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Collins, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Hull, Love, Mays, McCormick, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate resolution in relation to land warrants,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read a third time by its title and put upon its passage, on which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Broxson, Campbell, Carter, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Hull, McCormick, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant and Yates—25.

Nays—Messrs. Coffee and Love—2.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act declaring of what estate widows shall be endowed,

Was read the third time, and on motion, the rule was waived, and placed the bill back upon its second reading.

Mr. Russell offered the following amendment to said bill:

Insert after the words "no child," in the 8th line "the widow shall be entitled to the whole estate."

Upon which, the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Broxson, Dansby, Hawes, Hull, Newburn, Price, Russell and VanZant—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Carter, Coffee, Cole, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Love, Mays, Mickler, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Scott, Williams and Yates—17.

So the motion was lost.

Mr. Mays offered the following amendment:

At the end of the last section insert the following:

Provided, however, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to interfere with rights vested under and by virtue of the provisions of the act or acts hereby repealed.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved to lay the bill on the table;

Upon which the yeas and nays were called for, and were:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, McCormick, Mickler, Oliver, Parker, Richardson, Russell, Williams and Yates—21.

Nays—Messrs. Hawes, Hull, Love, Mays, Means, Newburn, Pooser, Price, VanZant and Vogt—10.

So the motion was carried, and the bill laid on the table.

On motion, the House took a recess until 3 o'clock.

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3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

The rule being waived, Mr. Mays, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

Mr. Mays, from the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank of Lake City, have had the same under consideration and have instructed me to report the bill back to the House with the following amendments, to wit:

In the sixth line of section one strike out the words "twenty thousand dollars" and insert the words "paid in," and erase the words "are paid;" and, in the second line of section second strike out the words "and twenty thousand dollars" and insert the words "and paid in," and erase the words "are paid in" in the same line and same section.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. MAYS, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Coffee moved that the rule be waived, to allow him to make the following motion:

That Mr. Collins of Taylor be excused from further attendance on this House from to-day, for the remainder of the present session;

Which was agreed to and the motion adopted.

The rule being waived, Mr. Canova moved that an additional number of three members be appointed by the House to confer with the Senate Committee on the bill providing for carrying the mails, referred this day;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Russell and Mickler appointed.

On motion of Mr. Canova, the rule was waived, and he was allowed to introduce without previous notice a bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Courts within the Eastern Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida;

Which was received and said bill placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Halstead Hoeg and assignees,

Was read the third and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Mickler, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell and Scott—20.

Nays—Messrs. Haddock, Love, Mays, McCormick, Oliver and Yates—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act for the stay of executions,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Canova moved the indefinite postponement of the bill;

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Canova, Carter, Cole, Holland of Hernando, Lee, Mays, Mickler, Oliver, Richardson and Williams—11.

Nays—Messrs. Blount, Campbell, Coffee, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Love, McCormick, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt and Yates—20.

Said motion was lost.

Mr. Love moved that the rule be waived and the bill be read a third time by its title and put upon its passage;

Which motion was lost.

The bill was ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Mr. Holloman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report as correctly Enrolled the following bills, viz:

An act for the relief of Clinton Thigpin;

An act regulating wharfage in the city of Apalachicola;

An act for the defence of the Port of Apalachicola;

An act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library;

An act to provide for the taking of marks and brands of cattle driven or shipped from the counties of Sumter, Hillsborough and Manatee; and

An act to incorporate an Insurance Company in the city of Apalachicola to be called the Florida Home Insurance Company.

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the rule was waived and the Senate bill to be entitled an act re-organizing the military forces of this State was taken up.

On motion of Mr. Love the House went into a Committee of the Whole for its consideration—Mr. Canova in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose and reported the bill back to the House, through their chairman, as amended, and recommended its passage.

On motion, the House concurred in the amendment proposed by the Committee of the Whole.

On motion the rule was waived and the bill was read the third time by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Coffee, Cole, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Oliver, Parker, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—22.

Nays—Messrs. Hawes, Love, Mays and Pooser—4.

So the bill passed as amended—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to encourage and facilitate Internal Improuements, and regulate Partnerships for that purpose,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Cole, Hawes and Scott—4.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Love, Mays, Means, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Vogt, Williams and Yates—23.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act regulating the order in which cases shall be tried in the Circuit Courts,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Means and Vogt—10.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Coffee, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Love, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant and Yates—16.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Call, Chain and Jones, waited on the House and requested the House to return to the Senate a bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws of this State.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Magbee, McQueen and Brokaw, waited upon the House and returned a bill to be entitled an act to amend the election laws of this State with amendments, and requested the concurrence of the House therein.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to reduce the costs of criminal prosecutions,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain school funds,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Magbee, Dawkins and Chain, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had passed a bill to be entitled an act encouraging the cultivation of tropical fruits; and a bill to be entitled an act granting land warrants to volunteers of Florida and for other purposes, and requested the concurrence of the House therein;

Which were received, and said bills placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act requiring of Circuit Courts to set specific days for the trial of causes, &c.,

Was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Means, was indefinitely postponed.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for a digest of the ordinances and statute laws of this State,

Was read a second time, and on motion, was laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled an act giving Justices of the Peace jurisdiction in all sums not exceeding one hundred dollars, exclusive of interest and cost,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bissell, Campbell, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Parker, Scott and Yates—11.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Canova, Carter, Coffee, Holland of Hernando, Love, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, VanZant and Williams—17.

So the bill was lost.

A bill to be entitled an act governing the trial of slaves and free persons of color in this State,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Love moved its indefinite postponement;

Upon which motion, the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Love, Mays, Means, Mickler, Price, Richardson, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—22.

Nays—Messrs. Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Hull, McCormick, Oliver, Parker, Pooser and Russell—9.

So the motion was carried and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

A bill to be entitled an act governing Divorces in this State,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Love moved the indefinite postponement of the bill, upon which the yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. Love and Holland of Franklin, and were:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Carter, Coffee, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Love, Mays, Oliver, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—17.

Nays—Messrs. Campbell, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holloman, Parker, Pooser, Price and Richardson —10.

So the motion prevailed and the bill was postponed indefinitely.

Senate bill to be entitled an act prescribing the form of an Oath of Allegiance,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Campbell, Carter and Dansby—4.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Canova, Coffee, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—23.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws,

Was read the second time, the amendments recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary adopted, and the bill as amended ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough county in building or assisting to build a Railroad,

Was read the second time and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

Senate resolution in relation to military laws,

Was read first time and ordered for a second reading on to-morrow.

Resolution for the relief of Dr. Wm. S. Jones,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Love, Mays, Mizell, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Williams and Yates—29.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act to change the time of holding the Courts within the Eastern Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and ordered for a third reading on to-morrow.

The House bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of Public Lands in this State, with the Senate substitute, was taken up.

On motion, a Committee of Conference, consisting of Messrs. Coffee, Holloman and Vogt, was appointed to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 12th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following bills, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to clean out and improve the navigation of Yellow river in West Florida;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the payment of contractors and surveyors of public lands in this State, with amendments.

The following bill was lost in the Senate:

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the laws of this State with regard to malicious mischief,

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read and the amendments concured in, and the bills ordered to be enrolled.

On motion, Mr. Holland of Franklin was allowed to spread on the journal an amendment offered by him yesterday to Senate bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville, St. Augustine and Indian river Railroad Company, as follows:

Be it further enacted, That there shall be built a branch Railroad from Quincy to Apalachicola, and said branch road shall be entitled to all the rights and benefits, and built in the same manner as the laws of this State now provide for the main road from Quincy to Tallahassee.

On motion, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, February 13th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

On motion, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispensed with.

Mr. Love moved the reconsideration of the vote of yesterday indefinitely postponing the bill to be entitled an act requiring Judges of the Circuit Courts to set specific days for trial causes, &c.;

Which was agreed to, and said bill taken up and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holloman offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That hereafter no member of this House shall be allowed to speak more than

five minutes on any bill or any other subject of discussion without the consent of two-thirds of the members present;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Holloman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled, viz:

An act to amend an act entitled an act to regulate pilotage of St. Johns bar; and

An act to provide for the payment of contractors surveying public lands in this State.

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, through Mr. Pooser, made the following report:

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances, having before them a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of F. L. Dancy, late Surveyor General, and for other purposes, having examined the bill in all its bearings in connection with the act of the State Convention, we therefore recommend that the bill do pass.

JACOB H. POOSER, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Holland of Franklin, from a Committee of Conference on the part of the House, made the following report:

The undersigned, members of the Committee of Conference, who have had under consideration the Senate bill entitled an act for providing for carrying the mails and House amendments adopted thereto, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have conferred together and duly canvassed the merits of both the bill and amendments proposed thereto, and are of opinion that the bill should not pass without the said amendments. They, therefore, endorse the report of the Select House Committee proposing the same, and fully concur in the views and opinions therein taken of the subject; that it matters not whether the mail service contemplated by this bill is to be performed by and at the expense of the State or of the Southern Confederation, it is of equal moment and importance that said service should be performed upon the most economical plan to afford the greatest mail facilities to the people of the State, and if the bill is simply intended (as contended by some) as a basis by which a Southern Congress is to establish mail service on the routes indicated therein, as the wish of the people expressed by their Legislature, its importance is, if anything, increased instead

of diminished. We should, therefore, consider so important a matter well before consenting to beget the establishment of unnecessary and expensive routes to be paid by a new government requiring all of its resources, however economically it may be administered, to say nothing of the concomitant ill effects resulting from the want of an efficient and regular mail service upon the various interests of the people at large.

It is a mistake, however, to suppose that this bill merely indicates to the Southern Confederation the lines or routes desired by the people of the State established by said Confederacy. The transmission of mails within the State is indispensable, and if no provision is made by the Southern Confederation the State must do it herself. The object of this bill seems to provide for that, and if it is necessary to economize when the Southern Confederation is to pay for this, how much greater the necessity when the same is payable out of the State Treasury? In a matter of such vital importance to the whole State, the Legislature should be actuated by a desire to free it from all possible embarrassments, instead of laying schemes to pay large compensation to contractors, tending thereby to bankrupt its Treasury still more.

In addition to the amendments proposed to said bill by the Select House Committee, the attention of the undersigned has been directed to its second section, which is regarded as objectionable in this: that it not only authorizes but makes it the duty of the Governor to contract for the carrying of the mails on the several railroads in this State, at a rate not to exceed $77 per mile for a daily mail and $66 per mile for one six times a week.

It will be seen by this, in addition to the inconvenience of a route as proposed in (section fifth of) said bill from Savannah to Fernandina and thence to Jacksonville, would *simply*, over the Florida and Central Railroads, from Fernandina to Jacksonville, a distance of sixty-six miles, cost for a daily service over fifty thousands dollars, and in proportion for a less grade, which, although tending to enrich the contractors, would tend to bankrupt the State Treasury. It may be contended or said that this sum would not be paid. Why then authorize it to be paid and leave a gap of this kind open? The route as proposed by the House amendments would obviate the necessity of any railroad service between the said points of Fernandina and Jacksonville, and by providing for the transmission of the mails *tri-weekly* from Savannah to Palatka by steamers, touching at and supplying all Post Offices on the Georgia coast to Fernandina, and from thence all intermediate Post Offices to Palatka on the St. Johns river, for a sum not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars, (the sum heretofore paid by the Federal Government for the said service,) every facility would be afforded and the wishes of the greatest number of the people regarded.

In conclusion, your committee recommend the following amendment, to be inserted after the word "service" in the 4th line of the 7th section:

"That the Governor shall procure a tri-weekly mail, to be carried by four horse coaches from Marianna via Abbe Spring to Ochesee in Calhoun county, and to establish a Post Office at Abbe Springs," that section of country being destitute of mail facilities.

Also recommend that the House recede from the amendments proposed by the Special Committee, by striking out the words "ten cents for letters not exceeding half ounce weight and in proportion thereto," and adopt the 17th section of the Senate bill.

All of which is respectfully submittted,

D. P. HOLLAND,
A. A. CANOVA,
House Committee,
A. S. BALDWIN,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bill and amendments placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee of Conference on the part of the House and Senate on a House bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of public lands in this State made the following report:

The Committee of Conference on the House bill entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and Receivers of public lands in this State, and for other purposes, and the Senate substitute therefor entitled a bill to be entitled an act abolishing the offices of United States Registers of lands and Receivers of public moneys, recommend the passage of the Senate substitute, with the following amendment:

Strike out "Tax-Collectors" wherever it occurs and insert "Clerks of Circuit Courts."

Strike out "one," in the second line of the fourth section and insert "two and a half."

Add section 17, viz:

Be it further enacted, That if the Judges of Probate and Clerk of any Court in this State, or either of them, shall refuse to accept the additional duties devolved upon them by this act, the lands in said county shall be liable to entry only at the office of the Register of State Lands in Tallahassee, who shall, in such

case and for such county, discharge all the duties herein enjoined on the Judges of Probate and Clerks so refusing to qualify.

GEO. W. CALL,
JAS. W. McQUEEN,
W. B. JONES,
Senate Committee.
D. W. HOLLOMAN,
D. A. VOGT,
House Committee.

I agree to the amendment but dissent from the Senate substitute, believing it comes in conflict with 7th ordinance.

C. C. COFFEE.

Which was read and the bill and substitute placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 12th, 1861.

HON. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has this day passed the following bill, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to establish a Bank in the city of Apalachicola to be called the Western Bank of Florida.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and said bill ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 12th, 1861.

HON. JOHN. B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has concurred in the House amendments to a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company.

Very Respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read and the bill as amended ordered to be enrolled.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 13th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act in regard to Telegraph Companies;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the 22d section of the act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved January 6th, 1855;

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Apalachicola river and to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of the Withlacoochee river and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

House bill to be entitled an act to improve the navigation of Peas creek and to drain the swamp and overflowed lands thereon;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the act of 1851, providing for the establishment of two seminaries of learning;

House bill to be entitled an act to provide additional safeguards for persons and property upon the railroads in this State;

House bill to be entitled an act to allow Thomas Jefferson Felmer Ault to change his name to Thomas Jefferson Felmer Johns, and for other purposes, with amendments;

Joint resolution in relation to Edward Powell and Henry Douglass.

House bill to be entitled an act defining who may make the affidavits required in suits of attachment and of garnishments was lost in the Senate.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,

Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the Senate bill ordered to be placed among the orders of the day, and the House bills ordered to be enrolled.

The rules being waived, the Joint Committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act regarding the sale of spiritous liquors to slaves, and for other purposes, have had the same under consideration and ask leave to

REPORT:

That the principal provisions of this bill meet the approbation of the Committee, and they believe that they would make a salutary amendment of the law on that subject as it now exists. They therefore report the bill back to the House without amendment.

D. H. MAYS, Chairman.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The rule being waived, the Committee on Corporations made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Commerce at Fernandina, have had the same under consideration and report that they find the corporate powers granted by said bill to be constitutional and proper.

N. W. HOLLAND, Chairman.

Which was read, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb'y 12th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I have approved and signed the following acts and resolutions, viz:

Resolution for the relief of John M. Irwin;

An act to authorize Henry C. Grovenstine, a minor, to plead and practice law;

An act to change the name of Elizabeth Lovett;

An act to amend the road laws, &c.;

An act to repeal in part the law prohibiting intercourse with the Indians;

An act to regulate fishing on the coast of the State of Florida;

An act to locate the county site of Levy county;

An act to incorporate the German Saving and Building Association;

An act for the relief of Wm. G. Parker, Sheriff of Suwannee county;

An act making Captain Simeon Sparkman a citizen of Columbia county;

An act to amend an act to provide for the payment of physicians who are summoned to attend coroners juries, approved January 11th, 1855;

An act for the relief of T. C. Bolling, as administrator of the estate of R. A. Child, deceased;

An act for the relief of Wm. H. Fannin;

An act to compensate B. F. Whitner, Jr., for services in running the boundary line between the States of Florida and Georgia;

Resolution authorizing the payment of United States Treasury Warrant No. 5253;

An act to provide for the service of civil process in certain cases.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb'y 12th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly:

SANTA ROSA COUNTY.

Auctioneer—John G. McLean.

LIBERTY COUNTY.

Auctioneer—James Kelly.

GADSDEN COUNTY.

Auctioneer—John Wilson.

Very Respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read and the nominations advised and concurred in by the House.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb'y 11th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly, viz:

MONROE COUNTY.

Auctioneers—William H. Ward and Alexander Patterson.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read and the nominations advised and concurred in by the House.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 12th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has concurred in House amendments to a bill to be entitled an act to amend the law of this State regulating the issue of the process of garnishment; also,

A bill to be entitled an act to alter and change the time of holding the several terms of the Supreme Court.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read.

The rule being waived, the Committee of Conference of the Senate and House, on a Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million of dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida, made the following report:

The joint Committee on part of the Senate and House, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million of dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida, report that they have had the same under consideration, and recommend all after the first section be stricken out, and ask that the bill do pass.

B. W. BELLAMY,
Chairman House Committee.
JAS. T. MAGBEE,
Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was received and read and the accompanying bill and placed among the orders of the day.

The rule being waived, Mr. Bellamy, from the Committee of Conference on the part of the House, made the following report:

The joint Committee of the Senate and House, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes, and also a bill to be entitled an act to provide a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida, have held a conferenee upon the same, and being unable to agree, for the sake of having the matter settled, we consented that the former bill be withdrawn and that the latter be amended by inserting 1862 in lieu of 1861, and the same be reported with full liberty to each member of the Committee to vote on the same as to him may appear proper and right.

BURTON W. BELLAMY,
ALEX. C. BLOUNT,
S. B. LOVE,
JACOB H. POOSER,
D. H. MAYS,
House Committee.
JAMAS T. MAGBEE,
TILLMAN INGRAM,
D. C. DAWKINS,
GEO. W. CALL,
W. W. McCALL,
Senate Committee.

Which was read and the accompanying bills and amendment placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Vogt from the Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:

The Committee on Engrossed Bills report the following bill as correctly engrossed, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the auction laws of this State.

Respectfully submitted,
D. A. VOGT, Chairman.

Which was read.

A bill to be entitled an act to allow Thomas Jefferson Filmer Ault to change his name to Thomas Jefferson Filmer Johns,

Was taken up, and the House refused to concur in the Senate amendments thereto.

On motion, a committee on said bill to confer with a similar committee on the part of the Senate relative thereto, was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Newburn, Campbell and Dansby.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to aid Hillsborough County in building or assisting to build a Railroad,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Carter, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Hull, Lee, McCormick, Newburn, Parker, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt and Yates—21.

Nays—Messrs. Campbell, Coffee, Love, Mays, Pooser and Scott—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled on act providing for a Stay of Executions,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Blount, Campbell, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Love, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt and Yates—19.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Canova, Carter, Coffee, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Lee, Mays, Oliver, Richardson and Williams—15.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Blount presented the following Telegraphic dispatches from the Florida Delegation in the Montgomery Southern Convention to his Excellency the Governor:

MONTGOMERY, February 10, 1861.

Governor M. S. PERRY:

Provisional Government is now in operation and needs no Senators, but Permanent Government will probably supercede

it soon, therefore Senators to Congress of permanent Government of Confederate States of America might be elected and thus save an extra session of the Legislature; this, however, is not for us to dictate.

JACKSON MORTON,
J. PATTON ANDERSON,
J. B. OWENS.

MONTGOMERY, February 11, 1861.

Governor M. S. PERRY:

We are now of opinion a permanent constitution will be adopted and referred to States for ratification in next ten days, therefore think it would be well for Legislature to elect Senators.

J. PATTON ANDERSON,
JACKSON MORTON,
J. B. OWENS.

Which were read, and on motion, ordered to be spread on the journal.

Mr. Mays moved that a Committee be appointed to convey to the Senate a Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Commercial Bank at Lake City and inform that body that the House had refused to recede from its amendments thereto;

Which was agreed to, and Messrs. Mays, Blount and Russell were appointed said Committee.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Mays, Pooser and Holloman were appointed to convey to the Senate a Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for a stay of executions in this State which had passed the House as amended and request the concurrence of the Senate in said amendments.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the auction laws of this State,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Williams and Yates—18.

Nays—Messrs. Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Oliver, Richardson and Russell—9.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Pooser and Howell were appointed to convey said bill to the Senate.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Brokaw and McQueen, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had refused to concur in the House amendments to a Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for a stay

of executions and requested the House to recede from its amendments thereto.

Mr. Holloman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled, viz:

An act to clean out and improve the navigation of Yellow river in West Florida;

An act to amend the election laws of this State; and

An act to incorporate the Alachua county Railroad Company.

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holloman offered the following resolution:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, That the General Assembly go into the election of two Senators to represent this State under the Government of the "Confederate States of America," when formed, this evening, at the hour of seven o'clock;

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Mays, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—26.

Nays—Messrs. Haddock, Hawes and Love—3.

So the resolution was adopted.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Russell, Haddock and Holloman, were appointed to convey said resolution to the Senate, and request their concurrence.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Call, Brokaw and McQueen, waited upon the House and imformed them that an error in the amendment of the House bill to be entitled an act to organize a new county to be called Baker county having been detected, which fixes the time for holding the Court in said county on the same day as the Court in Suwannee county, in the same Circuit, and that the Senate has passed a bill to be entitled an act fixing the time for holding the Courts in the counties of Baker and Nassau, in which they ask the concurrence of the House.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to prevent the collection of debts in certain cases from debtors in this State,

Was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Campbell, Coffee, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt and Yates—20.

Nays—Messrs. Bissell, Haddock, Lee, Love, Means and Richardson—6.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to amend an act to provide for the payment of costs by plaintiffs in certain cases,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Campbell, Dansby, Hull, Love, Newburn and Pooser—6.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Coffee, Cole, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Mays, Means, Oliver, Price, Richardson, VanZant, Williams and Yates—19.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered to be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to reduce the costs of criminal prosecutions,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Hull—1.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Blount, Canova, Carter, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—25.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act giving the State a right of appeal and peremptory challenges in certain cases,

Came up on its third reading.

On motion, said bill was placed back on its second reading.

Mr. Holland of Franklin offered the following amendment thereto:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert, "The State shall be entitled to ten peremptory challenges in cases of felony and two peremptory challenges in cases of misdemeanor: *Provided, however*, That the State shall not be permitted to place jurors at the foot of the pannel;"

Which was adopted.

On motion, the bill was read a third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Campbell, Coffee, Cole, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holloman, Lee, Love, Oliver, Pooser, Russell, Scott, Vogt and Williams—17.

Nays—Messrs. Blount, Canova, Carter, Dansby, Haddock,

Holland of Hernando, Hull, Mays, Means, Newburn, Price, Richardson, VanZant and Yates—14.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Love, Holland of Franklin and Blount, were appointed to convey said bill to the Senate and request their concurrence in the House amendments.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the publication of certain laws,

Came up on its third reading, and the amendments proposed by the Committee on the Judiciary concurred in.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the bill be put back on its second reading;

Which was lost.

The bill was then read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Coffee, Holloman, Love and Mays—4.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Williams and Yates—23.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion the House took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

Mr. Love moved that the House recede from its amendments to the Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for a stay of executions;

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Blount, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Love, McCormick, Newburn, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt and Yates—18.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Cole, Lee, Mickler, Oliver and Richardson—11.

So the House receded from its amendments.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved to reconsider the vote on the Senate bill to be entitled an act prescribing the form of an oath of allegiance;

Which was lost.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Russell was allowed to introduce the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Florida has failed to provide either for the defence of the State or for the expenses of the Government, and has passed a resolution providing that this General Assembly shall adjourn *sine die*, when should it be done, it will become the imperative duty of the Executive to immediately reconvene the General Assembly; therefore—

Resolved, That this House will not adjourn until the Treasury note bill, the bond bill, and the military bills shall become laws, and not until all acts which shall be passed shall have been enrolled and signed; and to accomplish the same, this House will sit night and day, if necessary.

Upon the question of its adoption, the yeas snd nays were called for, and were:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Coffee, Cole, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holloman, McCormick, Oliver, Russell and Scott—13.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Carter, Dansby, Haddock, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, VanZant, Vogt and Yates—16.

So the resolution was lost.

Mr. Holland of Franklin moved that the Senate bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issuing of Treasury notes be now taken up and made the special order of the day;

Which was agreed to, and said bill taken up and the report of the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and Senate concurred in by the House and the amendments therein proposed adopted.

On motion a committee consisting of Messrs. Russell, Blount and Holloman were appointed to wait upon the Senate and inform them of the action of the House on said bill and request their concurrence.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 13th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has this day passed the following bills and resolution, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the attachment laws now in force in this State;

House bill to be entitled an act requiring certain statements to be made by the several Banks of this State to the Governor and Comptroller;

House bill to be entitled an act to vest the several Circuit Courts of this State hereinafter named with the powers which

were possessed by the late district Courts of the United States, and for other purposes;

Senate bill to be entitled an act relative to Stevedores at Jacksonville, and for other purposes;

House bill to be entitled an act to amend the Auction Laws of this State, with amendments;

Senate resolution for the relief of A. L. Woodward.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,

Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and the Senate bill and resolution ordered to be placed among the orders of the day and the House bills which had passed the Senate ordered to be enrolled, and House bill to be entitled an act to amend the Auction laws of this State mentioned in said message as amended by the Senate, was taken up and the Senate amendments thereto concurred in by the House and the bill ordered to be enrolled.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, a bill to be entitled an act regulating the duties of Registers and receivers of Public Lands, was taken up and made the special order of the day.

On motion, the report of the Committee of Conference of the House and Senate was concurred in by the House and the amendments there proposed adopted, and the Senate bill to be entitled an act to abolish the offices of United States Receivers of public monies and Registers of public lands,

Was taken up and read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Dansby, Hawes, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Price and Vogt—11.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Canova, Carter, Coffee, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Love, McCormick, Means, Oliver, Pooser, Richardson, Scott, VanZant and Yates—18.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Russell, Bird and Blount were appointed to wait upon the Senate and request transmission of a Senate bill to be entitled an act authorizing the issue of Bonds to the extent of one million of dollars by the Commonwealth of Florida to the House.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to establish the Bank of Commerce at Fernandina,

Came up on its second reading.

On motion the rule was waived, and the bill read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Frank-

lin, Holland of Hernando, Hull, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Williams and Yates—27.

Nay—Mr. Coffee—1.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A bill to be entitled an act regarding the sale of spiritous liquors to slaves and for other purposes,

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading on to-morrow.

On motion, the rule being waived, Mr. Vogt, Chairman of the Committee on the appropriation bill on the part of the House, introduced the following bill, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expenses of the State government for the fiscal year of 1860 and 1861;

Which was placed among the orders of the day.

Senate bill to be entitled an act fixing the pay of members of the General Assembly,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Carter, Coffee, Cole, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Love, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Price, Russell, Scott, VanZant and Williams—21.

Nays—Messrs. Blount, Canova, Campbell, Clyatt, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Lee, Mays, Mickler, Parker, Pooser, Richardson, Stewart, Vogt and Yates—16.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Call, Rogers and Magbee, waited upon the House with a Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of one million of dollars by the commonwealth of Florida and requested the concurrence of the House to certain amendments accompanying the bill which had been made by the Senate.

A Committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Rogers, Finlayson and Davidson, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had refused to concur in the House amendments to a Senate bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State and requested the House to recede therefrom.

On motion of Mr. Holland of Franklin, the House refused to recede from its amendments to said bills and a Committee of conference was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Williams, Bird, Coffee and Hull, to confer with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate on said bill.

Mr. Holloman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following bills as correctly enrolled, viz:

An act to improve the navigation of the Withlacoochee river and reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

An act to provide additional safeguards for persons and property upon the railroads in this State;

An act to improve the navigation of the Apalachicola river and to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said river;

An act to improve the navigation of Peas creek and to drain the swamp and overflowed lands thereon;

An act to amend the act of 1851 providing for the establishment of two seminaries of learning;

An act to incorporate the Lake City ond Blount Ferry Railroad Company.

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Russell, a Senate bill to be entitled an act to authorize the issue of bonds to the extent of $500,000 by the Commonwealth of Florida was taken up and made the special orcer of the day, and the House concurred in the report of the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate and House and agreed to the amendments proposed by the Senate, and the bill was put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, Means, Mickler, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott and Vogt —28.

Nays—Messrs. Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Stewart, Williams and Yates—5.

So the bill passed—title as amended.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Howell and Yates, were appointed to convey said bill to the Senate and inform them of the action of the House thereon.

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expenses of the State Government for the fiscal years of 1860 and 1861,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second and third times by its title and put upon its passage upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Cole, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt and Williams—31.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Vogt, Means and Mickler, were appointed to convey said bill to the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 13th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has passed the following bill:

A bill to be entitled an act to enlarge and define the jurisdiction and establish certain rules of practice of the Courts of equity in this State.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb'y 13th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—I have approved and signed the following bills:

An act respecting the sale of vinous or spiritous liquors to slaves or free persons of color in the city of Apalachicola and Fernandina;

An act to provide the mode and manner of giving notice in actions of ejectment;

An act in relation to crimes and misdemeanors;

An act regulating wharfage in the city of Apalachicola;

An act to provide for the taking of marks and brands of cattle driven or shipped from the counties of Sumter, Hillsborough and Manatee;

An act to amend an act to incorporate the town of Marianna, approved January 8th, 1853;

An act to authorize James Addison of Leon county to construct a dam across Ocklockonee river in Leon county;

An act for the better preservation of the State Judicial Library;

An act to provide for the payment of the Florida Volunteers and others who have not been paid for services actually rendered the State of Florida in the last war with the Seminole Indians;

An act for the defence of the port of Apalachicola;

An act to incorporate the town of Monticello;

An act for the relief of S. Remirez and others, inhabitants of Escambia county;

An act for the relief of Clinton Thigpin;

Resolution relative to State Librarian;

An act regulating the fees of Port Wardens at Apalachicola;

An act to prevent persons from penning or detaining stock without the consent of the owners in Nassau, Alachua, Wakulla and St. Johns counties;

An act to provide for the election of Tax-Assessor and Collector for Sumter county; and,

An act to incorporate an Insurance Company in the city of Apalachicola.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb'y 13th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly:

DUVAL COUNTY.

Commissioners of Pilotage for the St. Johns river and bar—Thos. O. Holmes, Samuel Fairbanks, Cyrus Bisbee, Charles Summers and Hardy H. Phillips.

Port Wardens for the Port of Jacksonville—Francis A. Goulden, Michael Hearn, J. Henry Burton, Morris Keil, Wm. H. Hickman and R. H. Watson.

Auctioneer—Geo. C. Acosta.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

Which was read and the nominations advised and concurred in by the House.

Senate bill to be entitled an act to empower the Judges of Probate of Washington and Holmes counties to draw certain school funds,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Campbell, Clyatt, Coffee, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—28.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate resolution relative to Edward Powell and Henry Douglass,

Was put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt and Yates—25.

Nay—Mr. Campbell—1.

So the resolution was adopted.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing a mode of instituting suits against counties,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Holland of Franklin and McCormick—2.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Dansby, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Mays, Oliver, Parker, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—23.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act requiring the Circuit Courts to set specific days for the trial of causes when three or more witnesses are subpœned,

Was read the second time, rule waived, read the third time by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Carter, Coffee, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Holloman, Love, McCormick, Means, Oliver, Pooser, Scott, Vogt and Williams—14.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Clyatt, Haddock, Howell, Hull, Lee, Mays, Mickler, Price, Richardson, Russell and Yates—16.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act declaring who shall be considered citizens of the State of Florida,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Dansby, Means and Pooser—5.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Haddock, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Love, Mays, Mickler, Oliver, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Williams and Yates—21.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 13th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has passed the following House bill, viz:

House bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expenses of the State Government for the fiscal year 1860 and 1861.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read and said bill ordered to be enrolled.

On motion, the House took a recess until 7 and a half o'clock.

7½ O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

Senate bill to be entitled an act encouraging the cultivation of tropical fruits,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read a second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Holland of Franklin, Mickler, Parker and Scott—8.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Canova, Carter, Coffee, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Price, Richardson, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—23.

So the bill was lost.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion, the rule was waived, and Mr. Williams, from the Committee on the Militia, made the following report:

The Committee on the Militia to whom was referred a bill to be entitled an act to repeal the 9th and 16th sections of an act entitled an act to amend the militia and patrol laws of this State, approved December 22d, 1859, have had the same under consideration and recommend the passage of the bill.

JOS. JOHN WILLIAMS, Chair'n.

Which was read and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The rule being waived, Mr. Holland of Franklin offered the following resolution:

Joint Resolution as to adjournment.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida, That the time for the adjournment of this General Assembly is hereby extended until midnight of the 14th of February.

On motion, the consideration of said resolution was postponed until to-morrow.

Senate bill to be entitled an act in regard to Telegraph Companies,

Came up on its first reading.

On motion, said bill was read the second time by its title.

Mr. Holland of Franklin offered the following amendment:

Provided, however, That this act shall not extend to foreign corporations or foreign telegraph companies, but shall only apply to telegraph companies organized under the laws of the State;

Which was adopted.

On motion, the rule being waived, said bill was read the third time by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Hull, Mays, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Price and Russell—16.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Canova, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Lee, Oliver, Richardson, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—14.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Howell and Price, were appointed to convey said bill to the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act fixing the times for holding the Circuit Courts in the counties of Baker and Nassau,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times by its title and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Lee, Love, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Parker, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—30.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

Senate resolution for the relief of A. L. Woodward,

Was read the first time the rule waived, read the second and third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount,

Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Coffee, Cole, Dansby, Holland of Hernando, Hull, Lee, Love, Mays, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Parker, Richardson, Russell, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—27.

Nay—Mr. Haddock—1.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Williams, Coffee and Blount, were appointed to carry said resolution to the Senate.

A committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Rogers, McQueen and Magbee, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had concurred in the report of the Committees of Conference of the House and Senate on a Senate bill to be entitled an act reorganizing the military forces of this State, and House amendments thereto, and requested the House to concur in said report of the Committee of Conference.

The bill was taken up and the report of the Committee of Conference and the amendments they proposed concurred in by the House.

On motion, a committee consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Russell and Love, were appointed to inform the Senate of the action of the House thereupon.

Senate bill to be entitled an act relative to Stevedores at Jacksonville and Pensacola and for other purposes,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the second and third times and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Coffee, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Holland of Hernando, Howell, Holloman, Hull, Love, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott, VanZant, Vogt, Williams and Yates—29.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

A committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Call, Brokaw and Chain, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had passed a House bill to be entitled an act providing for a permanent circulating medium for the citizens of Florida with sundry amendments, and requested the concurrence of the House therein.

The bill was taken up, and on motion the House refused to concur in the amendments proposed by the Senate.

Senate bill to be entitled an act granting land warrants to the volunteers of Florida and to provide for the payment for lost horses while in public service and for other purposes,

Was read the first time, rule waived, read the sscond time by its title.

Mr. Russell moved its indefinite postponement;

Which was agreed to.

Ordered that the same be certified to the Senate.

The following message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb'y 13th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—Since communicating informally the telegrams received last night from Montgomery, the enclosed additional dispatch has been handed me of a later later date.

In view of the fact that a permanent government will soon be organized, it is important that provision should be made for the representation of Florida therein, and I submit to the General Assembly the propriety of electing Senators at once, without subjecting the State to the expense of an extra session of the Legislature for that purpose.

Very respectfully,
M. S. PERRY.

MONTGOMERY, Feb'y 13th, 1861.

JAMES ABERCROMBIE, Jr.:

Dispatch received. Permanent Constitution be ready ten days to submit.

It is a matter for you to decide. Elect now or have a called session to do so.

An election now I am advised will be constitutional.

JACKSON MORTON.

Which was read, and on motion ordered to be spread upon the journal.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 13th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has refused to concur in the House amendments to the bill to be entitled an act in regard to telegraph companies.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read.

Mr. Mays moved that a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of F. L. Dancy, late Surveyor General, and for other purposes, be taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day;

Which was lost.

On motion, the House adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, February 14th, 1861.

The House met pursuant to adjournment—a quorum present.

The Rev. Mr. Ellis officiated as Chaplain.

On motion, the reading of the journal of yesterday's proceedings was dispened with.

Mr. Blount moved that the Speaker of this House be authorized to adjourn the same *sine die*, at 12 o'clock to-night;

Which was adopted.

The resolution offered by Mr. Holland of Franklin on yesterday relative to extending the time of the adjournment of the General Assembly to 12 o'clock to-night,

Was taken up and adopted, and a committee consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Williams and Love, were appointed to convey said resolution to the Senate.

Mr. Holloman, from the Committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report:

The Committee on Enrolled Bills ask leave to report the following bills and resolution as correctly enrolled, viz:

An act to allow Thomas Jefferson Filmer Ault to change his name to Thomas Jefferson Filmer Johns, and for other purposes;

An act to amend the Attachment Laws now in force in this State;

An act to enlarge and define the jurisdiction and establish certain rules of practice of the Courts of Equity in this State;

An act to amend the Auction Laws of this State;

An act making appropriations for the expenses of the State Government for fiscal year 1860 and 1861;

An act requiring certain statements to be made in the reports which the several banks of this State are required to make to the Governor or Comptroller of this State;

An act to establish a Bank in the City of Apalachicola, to be called the Western Bank of Florida;

An act to amend the 22d section of the act to provide for and

encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State;

An act to vest the several Circuit Courts of this State with the powers which were possessed by the late District Courts of the late United States.

D. W. HOLLOMAN, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Bellamy moved a reconsideration of the vote concerning the report of the Committee of Conference on a Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes;

Upon which the yeas and nays being called, the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Campbell, Dansby, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Hull, Love, Means, Mickler, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Scott, Vogt, Williams and Yates—19.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bird, Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Cole, Haddock, Lee, Mays, McCormick, Parker and Russell—12.

So the vote was reconsidered.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb. 14, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of House of Representatives:

SIR—I have approved and signed the following bills, viz:

An act to amend an act to regulate the pilotage of St. Johns Bar and River, approved January 1, 1857;

An act to provide for the payment of contractors surveying public lands in this State;

An act to incorporate the Alachua Railroad Company;

An act to clean out and improve the navigation of Yellow river, in West Florida;

An act to improve the navigation of the Withlacoochee river, and to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said stream;

An act to improve the navigation of Pease Creek and to drain the swamp and overflowed lands thereon;

An act to amend the act of 1851 providing for the establishment of two Seminaries of Learning;

An act to provide additional safe guards for persons and property upon the Railroads of this State;

An act to improve the navigation of the Apalachicola river and to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands on said stream;

An act to incorporate the Lake City and Blount Ferry Railroad Company.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

Also the following:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb. 14, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of House of Representatives:

SIR—I respectfully recommend the following nominations for the advice and consent of the General Assembly:

MONROE COUNTY.

Auctioneer—Geo. W. Furgerson.

SUWANNEE COUNTY.

Auctioneer—Andrew McClelland.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Auctioneer—Curey Taylor.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read and the nominations advised and consented to by the House.

Mr. Holland of Franklin offered the following resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Florida, That the Speaker shall have a correct copy of the bill to be entitled an act for providing for carrying the mails, as amended by the House, prepared, together with the report of the select Committee of the House thereon, and the report of the Conference Committee which was made to this House, made by the Clerk of this House, duly attested and signed by the Speaker; and that the foregoing papers, together with this resolution, be sent by the Speaker to the President of the Confederated States of America, with the request, on behalf of this House, that whenever that Government provides for carrying the mails it will have the mail service carried in Florida as in the amended bill reported to this House by the Conference Committee, and signed by the majority of the House Committee, and by one of the three Senators of the Senate Committee; that in the opinion of this House the said mail service provided in the foregoing amended bill is absolutely necessary and the most economical.

Which resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Love offered a resolution relative to the cultivation of tropical fruits in this State;

Upon the question of its adoption, the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Franklin, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Lee, Love, Means, Newburn, Oliver, Pooser, Price, Richardson, Russell, Scott and Vogt—22.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Mays, McCormick, Stewart, Williams and Yates—6.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Love, Russell and Bellamy were appointed to convey said resolution to the Senate.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 14th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following resolution, viz:

Joint resolution for the relief of Robert L. Bruce, and others.

Very respectfully,

B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and said resolution taken up and read the first time, rule waived, read the second time by its title, and the following amendment offered by Mr. Williams:

"Add the name of A. B. Campbell, Door-Keeper of the House;"

Which was adopted, and the resolution was then read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bellamy, Bird, Bissell, Blount, Canova, Campbell, Carter, Clyatt, Cole, Dansby, Haddock, Hawes, Holland of Hernando, Holloman, Mays, McCormick, Means, Micklea, Oliver, Pooser, Richardson, Scott, Williams and Yates—25.

Nays—None.

So said resolution passed—title as stated.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Williams, McCormick and Bird were appointed to convey said resolution to the Senate.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Watlington, Abercrombie and Rogers, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had passed a House resolution relative to the cultivation of tropical fruits in this State.

On motion, Messrs. Bellamy, Williams and Cole were appointed to wait upon the Senate and request the return of a Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the issuing of Treasury notes.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Call, Ingram and Davidson, waited upon the House and returned the Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the issuing of Treasury note.

On motion, the Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the issuing of Treasury notes was taken up.

Mr. Bellamy moved to amend by inserting "five hundred thousand" in lieu of "one million" in the 1st section;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bellamy moved to amend said bill by striking out the "6th section;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland of Hernando moved to amend said bill by inserting after the word "enumerated" in the 4th line of the 4th section the words "so long as said banks shall continue to pay specie on demand for their bills;"

Which was adopted.

Also the following:

Strike out in the 5th line of the 5th section the words "person or persons;"

Which was adopted.

Also the following:

Strike out the words "nor any person or persons" in 2nd line of 5th section;

Which was adopted.

Mr. Bellamy offered the following amendment:

That where "May, 1861," appears insert "January, 1862;"

Which was adopted.

Mr. Holland of Hernando offered the following amendments:

Strike out all after the word "par," in the 7th line of the 7th section down to the word "but," in the 11th line of said section.

Strike out the words "twenty-five" in the 6th line of 5th section and insert "one thousand;"

Strike out from the 7th line the words "one hundred" and insert "five thousand;"

Which were adopted.

Also the following:

Strike out the "9th section;"

Upon which the yeas and nays being called for the vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Blount, Broxson, Clyatt, Holland of Hernando, Lee, Mays, Means, Stewart and Williams—10.

Nays—Messrs. Bellamy, Bissell, Campbell, Carter, Cole, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Holloman, Love, McCormick, Mickler, Pooser, Russell, Scott and Vogt—16.

So the amendment was lost.

A committee from the Senate, consisting of Messrs. Call, Rogers and Davidson, waited upon the House and informed them that the Senate had concurred in the House resolution relative to adjournment to-night.

Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury Notes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage, upon which the vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Bellamy, Campbell, Clyatt, Dansby, Holland of Franklin, Howell, Holloman, McCormick, Means, Mickler, Pooser, Price, Russell, Scott and Vogt—15.

Nays—Mr. Speaker, Messrs. Bissell, Blount, Broxson, Carter, Holland of Hernando, Lee, Mays, Oliver, Parker, Richardson, Williams and Yates—13.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

On motion a committee, consisting of Messrs. Holland of Franklin, Bellamy and Blount, was appointed to carry said bill to the Senate.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Blount:

Resolved, That this House does hereby express its unanimous thanks for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which the Hon. J. B. Galbraith has presided over the deliberations of the House;

Which was adopted.

The following address was delivered by the Hon. John B. Galbraith, Speaker of the House:

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

The time having nearly arrived when we have determined to conclude this Session of the General Assembly, I desire for myself and the other officers of the House to acknowledge the kindness and consideration which we have received from you, and to return you our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the same. Since the time when we first assembled here great events have transpired in the history of our country and our State. The nation to which we formerly belonged has been destroyed and this State has resumed her sovereignty and vindicated her rights and her honor. In these great transactions you have acted an important and controling part, and I am proud to say that the records of this House prove the zeal and honesty of your efforts for the public welfare. You have found, gentlemen, that the duties of a conscientious legislator were neither few nor easy, and in the extraordinary circumstances in which we have been placed, the common labor of legislation has been vastly increased and new and unprecedented matters have required our action. Your reward for these labors will consist almost exclusively in the consciousness that you have discharged your duty honestly and to the best of your ability. If we have not accomplished all that should have been done at this Session, we have the satisfaction of knowing that we have done our utmost towards it, actuated by an honest zeal for the public good.

We have been acting a part in historical events. When years shall have rolled by and others occupy these places, the acts that

we have done will be canvassed by impartial minds, and the verdict of posterity will be made up for or against us, as the effects of our labors shall be for good or evil. Our session has been marked by extraordinary harmony and good will, and I am rejoiced to see that that jealousy between the different sections of our State which has produced its evil in past years is on the wane. We are one people, with one political destiny; we should be united as brothers and make the welfare of our State the paramount consideration. With emotions of gratitude and respect, I bid you farewell, hoping that that Providence which controls the ultimate effects of men's actions, may direct ours for the benefit and prosperity of our people.

On motion, the House took a recess until 3 o'clock, P. M.

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3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session—a quorum present.

The following message was received from the Senate:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 14th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has concurred in the House amendments to Senate bill to be entitled an act providing for the issue of Treasury notes.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate.

Which was read.

Also the following;

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 14th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR:—The Senate has concurred in House amendment to joint resolution for the relief of Robert L. Bruce and others.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of the Senate,

Which was read.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
February 14th, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

SIR—The Senate has passed the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the General Assembly of Florida have heard with pleasure of the selection of the Convention at Montgomery of the Hon. Jefferson Davis and Alexander H. Stephens, as President and Vice President of the Southern Confederation; and that in the selection of these two distinguished statesmen, they recognize that burial of former political differences which is so much to be desired by all true lovers of their country.

Resolved further, That this General Assembly recognizes the Hon. Jefferson Davis as the Chief Magistrate of the Southern Confederation, and as such as being entitled to exercise the same powers and privileges at all points and in all respects within the limits of the State of Florida, as the President of the late United States could have exercised, while Florida was a member of that Confederation.

Very respectfully,
B. F. PARKER,
Secretary of Senate.

Which was read, and said resolution taken up and concurred in by the House.

On motion, the House took a recess until 9 o'clock, P. M.

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9 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The House resumed its session.

The following communication was received from his Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Feb. 14, 1861.

Hon. JOHN B. GALBRAITH,

Speaker of the House of Represeneatives:

SIR—I have approved and signed the following bills and resolutions:

An act to establish a bank in the City of Apalachicola, to be called the Western Bank of Florida;

Resolution in relation to Edward Powell and Henry Douglas;

An act to change the name of Thomas Jefferson Filmer Ault, of New River County, to Thomas Jefferson Filmer Johns, and for other purposes;

An act to amend the attachment laws now in force in this State;

An act to amend the 22d section of the act to provide for and encourage a liberal system of Internal Improvements in this State, approved January 6, 1855;

An act to enlarge and define the jurisdiction and to establish certain rules of practice in the Courts of Equity of this State;

An act to vest the several Circuit Courts of this State hereinafter named, with the powers which were possessed by the late District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Florida and to provide for a transfer of the records of the same and for other purposes;

An act requiring certain statements to be made in the reports which the several banks of this State are required to make to the Governor or Comptroller of this State;

An act making appropriations for the expenses of the State Government for the fiscal year 1861;

An act to authorize the Board of Port Wardens of the Port of Jacksonville and Pensacola, and for other purposes;

Resolution for the relief of A. L. Woodward;

Resolution for the benefit of the College of St. Augustine;

An act fixing the pay of members of the General Assembly.

Very Respectfully,

M. S. PERRY.

Which was read.

On motion, a Committee consisting of Messrs. Bissell, Campbell and Dansby were appointed to act with a similar Committee on the part of the Senate to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inquire if he had anything to communicate to the General Assembly before its adjournment.

After a short absence the committee returned and reported that his Excellency had nothing further to communicate and were discharged.

A Committee from the Senate consisting of Messrs. Magbee, Simkins and Dawkins waited upon the House and informed them that the hour having arrived for the adjournment of the General Assembly, the Senate was now ready to adjourn.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Speaker declared the House adjourned *sine die*.

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